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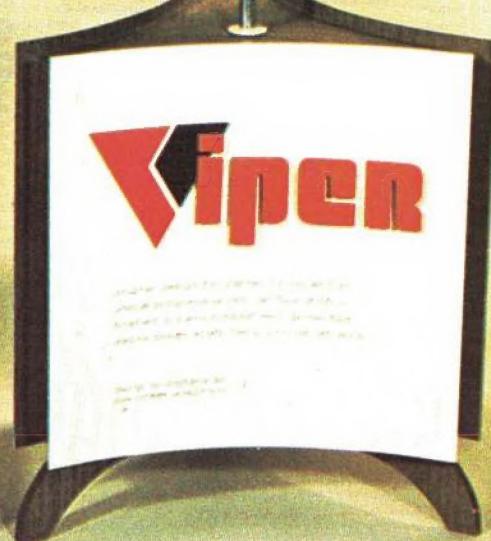
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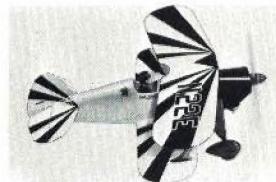
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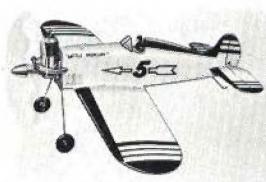
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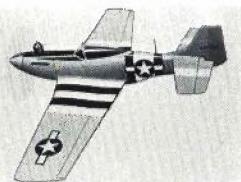
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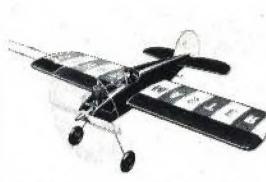
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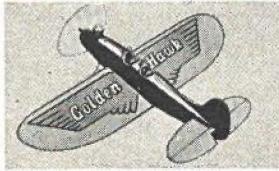
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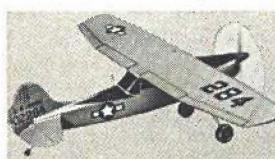
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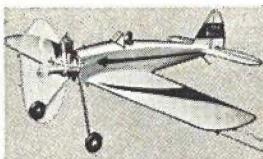
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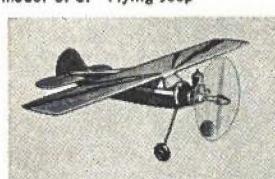
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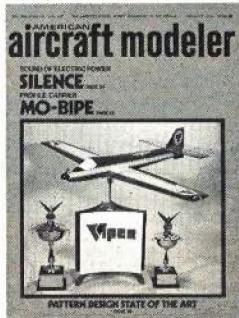
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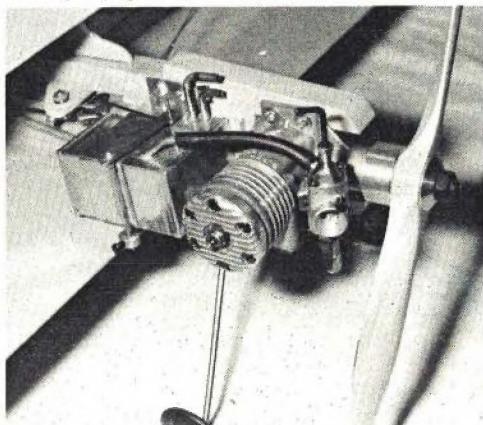
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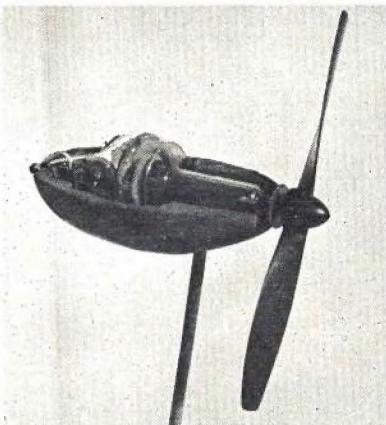
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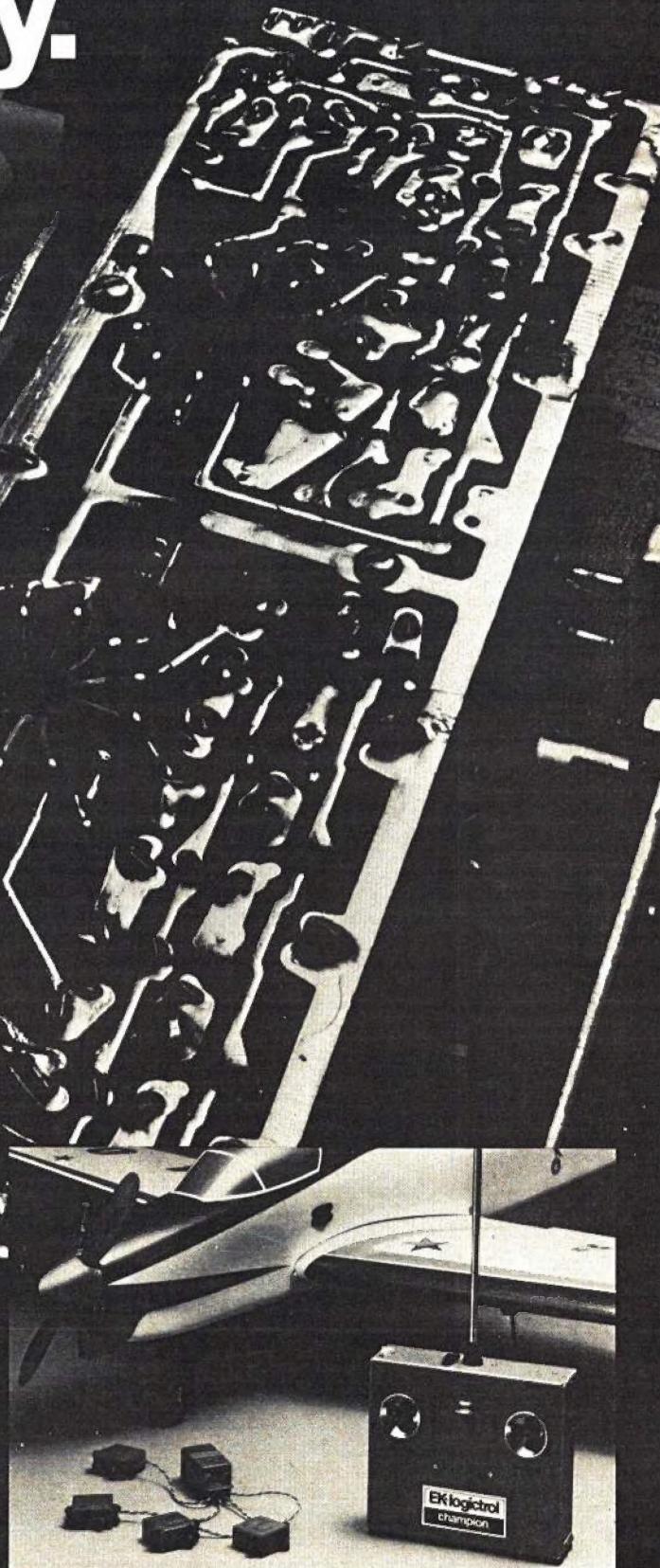
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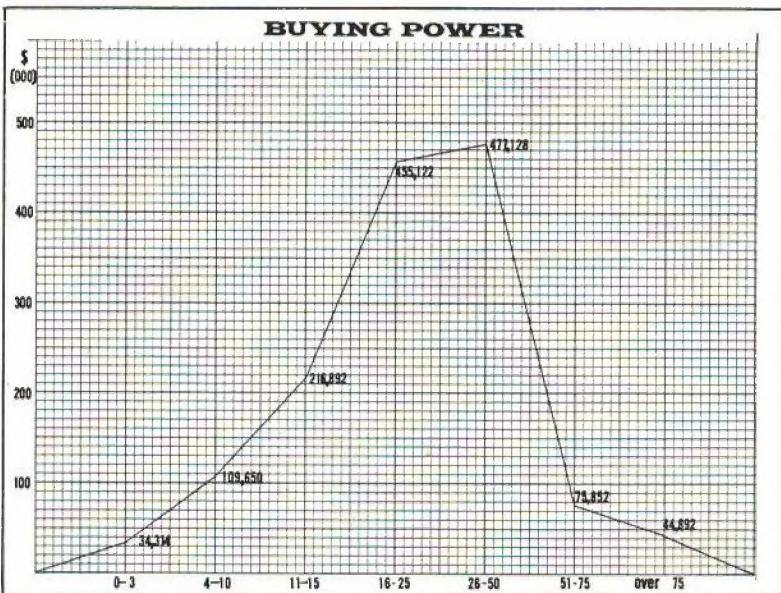
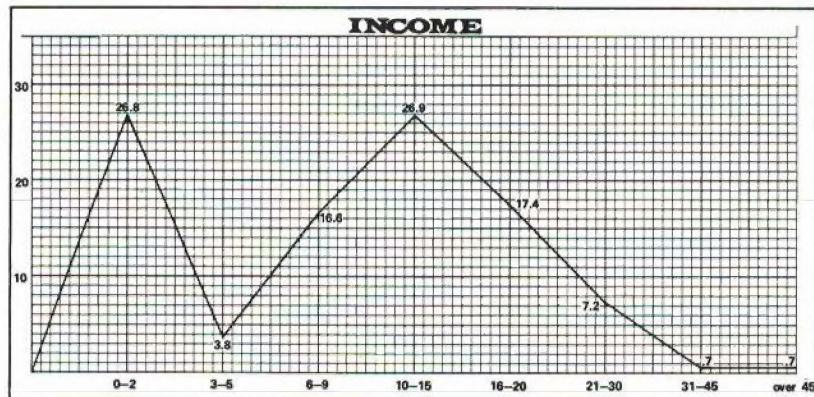
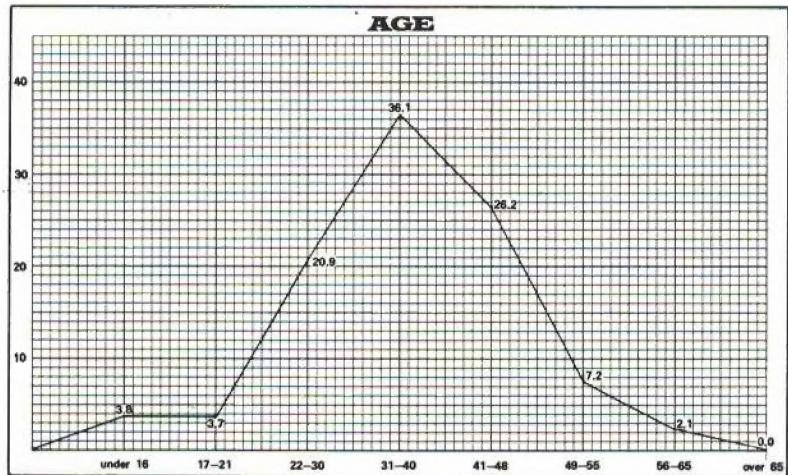
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EDITORIAL



Periodically magazines survey their readers to learn about reader interests, age, income, editorial likes and dislikes, advertising effectiveness, etc. Surveys especially show up any changes in readership patterns. Our first survey appeared in the May 1972 issue of AAM. It was bound into every copy printed; total print for that issue was 129,475 copies. The response was very heavy—7716 surveys were completed and returned. This healthy number of responses shows our reader's genuine interest in the magazine. Total single copy sales for that issue was 79,500 copies, (Yearly average for 1972 is up significantly to 87,000 as shown on this month's Owner's Statement, AMA membership peaks near the end of August giving us this variation in addition to other seasonal factors) so our response was from just under 10% of the readers.

Where possible, we are showing the survey results in graph form. In these graphs, meaningful information was taken from the responses by computing them on a percent-of-replies basis. In others, we related the percent-of-reply to the whole readership in establishing dollar values for each reply category.

How do you fit the response groups? Did you send in a survey? If not, find your back issue and fill it in. Then read on, and compare yourself to the rest of AAM's readers.

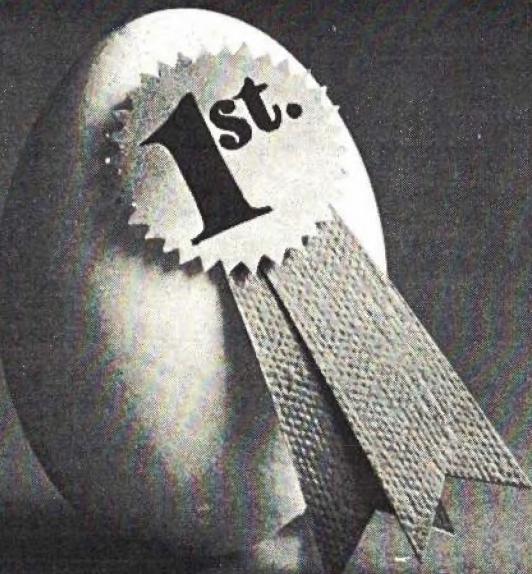
There are several things we will be doing with this survey information. For example, some of the editorial makeup of AAM will change. Circulation promotion efforts will be modified in order to appeal more closely to the prospective reader. Advertisers may alter their messages to attract some of the Control Line fliers into RC instead of reselling present RCers. In general, you, the reader, will have a magazine with which you as an individual can identify more closely.

AGE

Proportionately, students are a very small but extremely important part of a model magazine's readership. They are the future involved modelers. Normally we attract a young person to modeling during grade school, but he loses interest in models during high school due to the pressures of school, girls and cars. During the years 22 to 30 many new people get into models and most of the young builders come back. Surveys have

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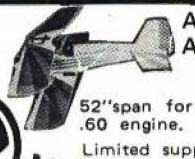
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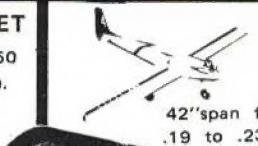


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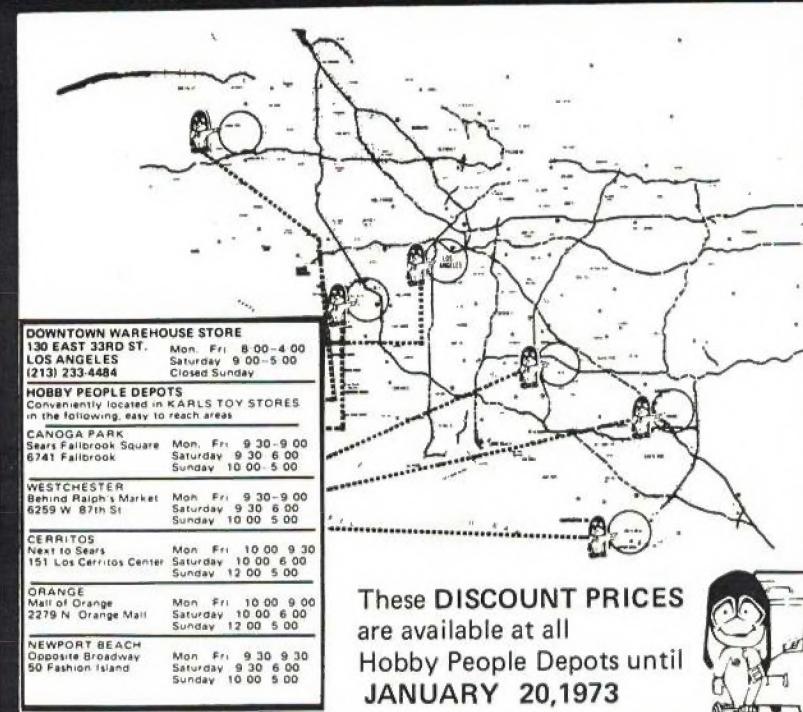
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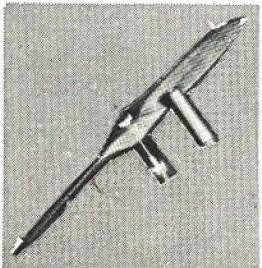


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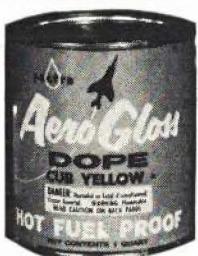
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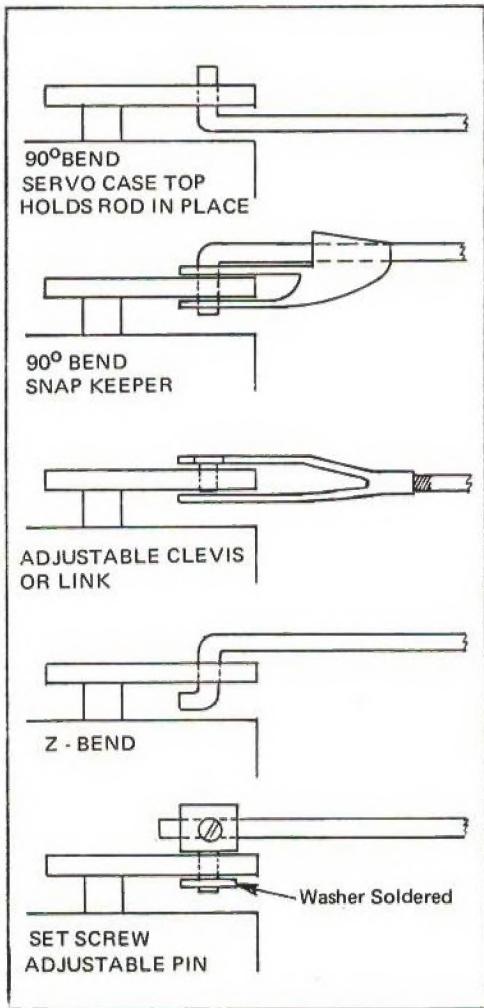


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We have talked a lot about how accurate the radio must be in moving the servos precisely corresponding to the movements of your hands on the controls. All this precision can be wasted if extreme care isn't used in getting the signal from the servo to the control surface. In this part of the series we'll talk about some important considerations in installing linkages, techniques that have proved successful and the type of linkages available.

Begin planning your radio installation before you glue the first two pieces of wood (plastic, fiberglass, etc.) together on your new model. A common mistake is to build the model completely and then sweat out the radio installation. The result is a compromise which makes the installation more difficult and less efficient than a pre-planned installation.

First, lay out the plans for your model. Place the radio components over the plan in the approximate positions they will occupy in the finished model. Here are six considerations to keep in mind when placing the components:

(1) There must be enough room, (i.e., allow for padding around the receiver and battery, make sure the servo mounting tray fits).

(2) Allow an unobstructed run from the servo output to the desired control.

(3) Consider the effect of the radio components and linkages on the center of gravity (CG) of the plane.

(4) Allow the receiver antenna to exit the model near the receiver and keep it away from the servos.

(5) Make components accessible for easy plug-in and removal.

(6) Make the switch and charging plug easily accessible from the outside.

Check the linkage runs from the servos to the controls. Decide what kind of linkage you will use. Figure locations of holes in bulkheads, ribs, sides, formers, etc., for linkages, tubes and harnesses. Determine control horn and bellcrank locations and mark everything on the appropriate structural pieces. It's a lot easier and more accurate to drill holes in flat wood than in a built-up model, so cut all the holes now. It's also a good idea to lay up the fuselage and wing without gluing to make sure all the holes line up. One of the trickier problems is nose gear steering. You must allow for movement in both directions. The arm generally protrudes into the engine or fuel tank compartment and must be accommodated. This is also true of the connecting linkage. Throttle linkages must be planned carefully as well. They can interfere with cowling struc-

ture, motor mounting bolts, mufflers fuel lines and fuel tanks.

Now is also a good time to consider servo direction. Figure out which way the servo must travel to move the control surface in the right direction. Control direction can be reversed putting the control horn on the opposite side of a surface, by using the opposite arm of the servo, or by an internal modification on most servos. Radio manufacturers often provide two servos which rotate in each direction in a four, or more, channel system. Make sure you hook up the ailerons correctly. Remember, for a right bank the right aileron goes up.

Figure 1 shows several methods for attachment of linkages. There should be no play in the connection. The hole in the arm or horn should be approximately the same diameter as the wire or clevis pin which passes through it. The end of the linkage must not drag, hang up or bind on the servo case or airplane structure. At least one end of each linkage must be adjustable, preferably from the outside of the plane. Initial adjustment should be neutral with plenty of available adjustment in both directions. Use thinner linkage for nose gear steering or allow some "give" so that hard landings will not damage servo gears. Use thin wire for throttle linkage or allow "give" to permit setting the idle stop without stalling the servo.

Make sure that control hinges are pinned and glued, and that there is no play in the hinges or linkages. This can lead to flutter, fatigue, loss of control surface or damage to the servo.

Avoid metal-to-metal contact in control linkages, such as metal control horns with metal clevises. This is a prime source of radio interference.

Now, about some types of linkages: A pushrod may be made out of a single piece of wire. This can be used for throttle control or nose gear steering. It may be made from several pieces of wire with bellcranks, such as in an aileron linkage. A common system for elevator and rudder pushrods consists of a piece of wire epoxied to each end. In recent years, manufacturers have produced nylon rods inside nylon tubes with wires threaded into each end. The rod slides into the tube which is fastened to the aircraft structure. A major problem with early versions was the change in length of the rods with changes in temperature. You could take your plane from the warm house or car out into the cold winter air and experience a marked trim change as the rods shrunk. Later versions of these rods are claimed to have minimized this problem, but it's still a good idea to watch out for it.



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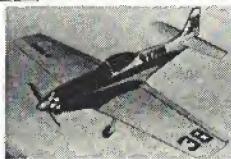
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Modeler Mail

Good plug for hobby

I recently received a questionnaire from Indiana State University. My name had been selected from a random sampling of driver license registrations, being one of 15,000 selected for the whole State of Indiana. It was an Outdoor Recreation User Survey, and the questions ranged from frequency of use and for what reasons, to my views on means to maintain parks and their uses in the future. They were interested in all the "normal" outdoor activities such as camping and snowmobiles, archery and horseshoes. Nowhere was RC even mentioned.

Feeling that I am most likely the only one of the 15,000 sampled who fly RC, I felt almost an obligation to get in a plug for our hobby. I therefore typed a cover letter and attached it to the questionnaire even though such a letter was not requested. Whether it will do any good is only speculation. But I feel all of us have an obligation to promote our hobby when we have a chance, especially when it could mean we have a place to fly or not.

Dale Harber (AMA 70789)
Yoder, Ind.

Likes wholesome AAM

I read the "open letter" published by the editor of RCM magazine regarding

his offer to publish AMA matters free of charge. This would apparently eliminate your publication as the official vehicle of the Academy.

It occurred to me that you might be interested in the reaction of AMA members and readers of AAM. Here, for one, is mine.

This appears to be a "dog in the manger" manipulation. I see little in the proposal that would favor AMA members. Getting your magazine, insurance and membership for ten dollars per annum is a good deal, considering that your subscription rate is \$7.50. (Ed. Note: *This letter applies to \$10.00 open AMA membership and AAM's \$7.50 one year subscription. Both are changed—AMA to \$15.00 and AAM to \$9.00 per year. An even better bargain for the AMA member.*) I also feel that if there is any change, dues for the AMA will remain the same and the member will get less.

This largess of RCM might benefit the AMA but it takes little perception to see who would accrue the greatest benefit. I resist, at least morally, infecting the hobby with "Playboyism" as generated by RCM policy. I am not alluding to the girly aspects but the idea that the hobby should be oriented toward pseudo-sophisticates and an expense-be-damned attitude. This nonsense has had an insidious effect by increasing prices to a point bordering on the ridiculous.

Your magazine still reflects the wholesome flavor of the old time model activity. I hope you overcome this situation as generated by RCM and continue to serve in your present capacity.

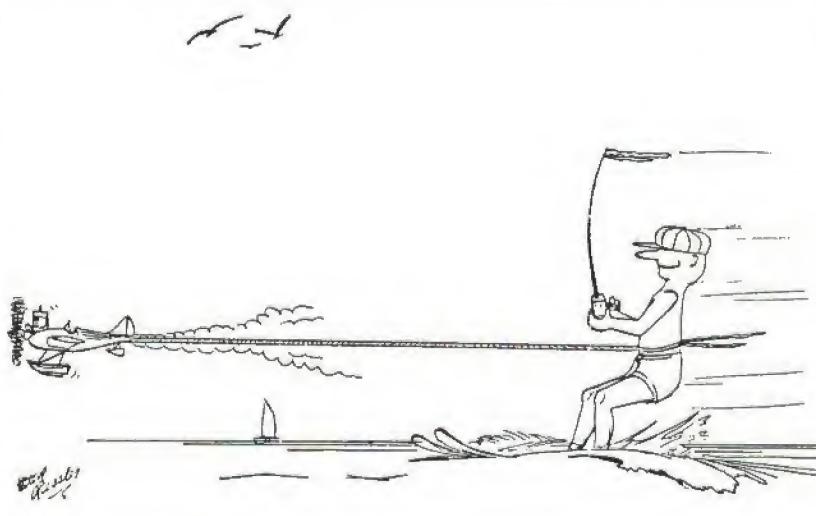
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Reply to Jack George

Your letter is appreciated. Your opinion is held by many other AMA members.

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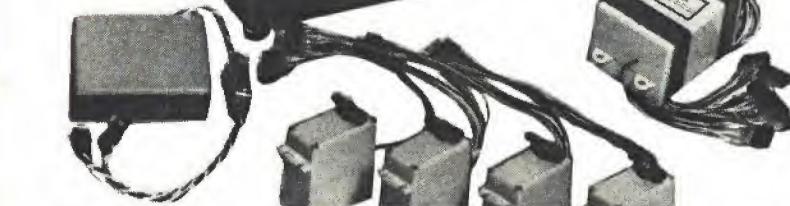
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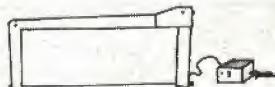
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demonstrated that after a few years of marriage, a husband is ready to build model planes again and that he will remain involved in modeling until nearly 50. AAM's largest single age group is in the 31 to 40 age category.

OCCUPATION

It is quite clear that modelers are well-educated professional or skilled people. Again we note the large percentage of students, probably college level or post graduate. Under military, 6.3% is a significant number in a single group.

HOMEOWNERS OR RENTERS

Homeowners	69.3%
Renters	22.2%
Neither	8.5%

Again we see statistics supporting the idea that modelers are independent, have good income, are well settled in life.

INCOME BRACKET

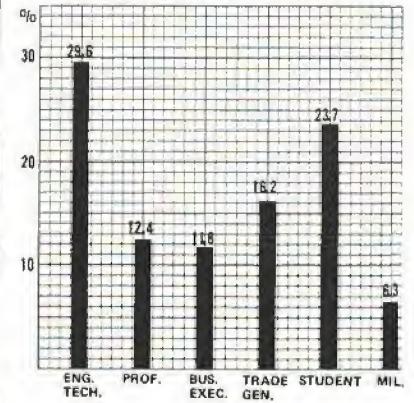
The large number of persons in the 0 to 2 (thousand) group are students. In the range of 10 to 20 we find over 72.5% of AAM's readers, a group which can well afford the necessities of life and have enough left for this hobby. Later, we will interpret this information to show the reader's buying power and total purchasing strength.

WHAT GOT YOU INTO MODELING?

The last three years have seen significant efforts by clubs to demonstrate their hobby to the public. Of course, we are showoffs anyway, but note how many persons we affected by the demonstrations? Nearly half of the attraction to modeling comes from "watching others." This might also attract the large numbers of adults into the hobby as evidenced by the size of this category in the AGE categories.

Realising that noise attracts onlookers, it seems a shame that we need to quiet our engines. Rubber jobs don't attract spectators. But, on the other

OCCUPATION



hand, an unmuffled engine annoys the people and would only send them away.

MODELING PREFERENCE

- Radio control
- Control line
- Free flight
- Plastics

Quite clearly, the majority interest in AAM is in RC. Nothing new in that. This is also influenced by the advertising in AAM. Nearly 90% of AAM's advertising is for RC products. How many newcomers to this hobby get a good exposure to FF and CL? Probably, they never will. Free flight is enjoyed by a person who just simply loves light-weight, graceful, sometimes tiny, models. He is not tempted by RC or CL. On the other hand, the control line flier is often a person who would like very much to get into RC but does not want to risk it and can't yet afford it. Others like CL and enjoy it because it is not as "involved" as RC. Let's also remember that well over 60% of the AMA membership is RC oriented. Based only on statistics we could be getting the wrong idea on relative strengths of RC, FF and CL. I suspect that most FF and CL enthusiasts don't associate with magazines, groups, or national organization. They "do their own thing" alone and like it. The quantities of FF and CL merchandise sold each year suggest many more active modelers in these categories than in RC.

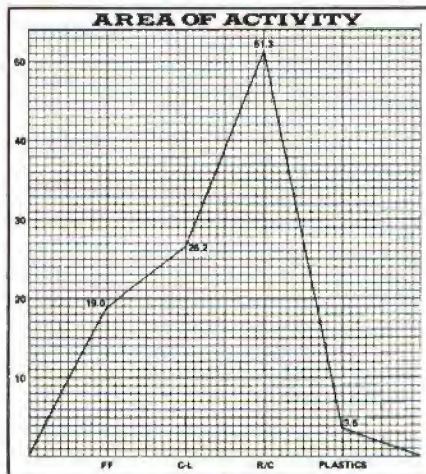
CLUB AFFILIATION

Not at all surprising is the large number of AMA members. Subscribers and members always respond to surveys more than newsstand buyers, so with AMA receiving 29,407 of the 129,475 copies printed, it is no wonder the AMA polled 51% of the readership. A notable number of modelers are also EAA members. Remember, most of the AMA members are members of local clubs, too.

HOBBY SHOWS

What's important here is not what shows modelers attend but the very obvious fact that modelers do attend

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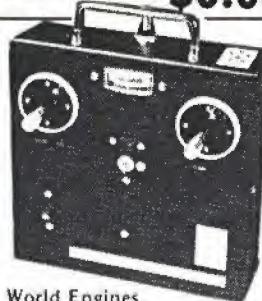
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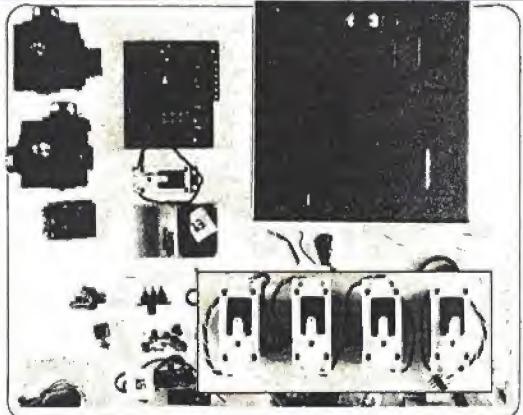
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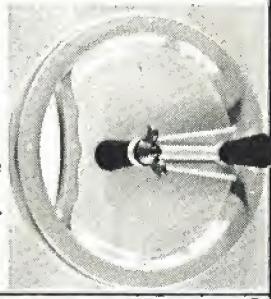
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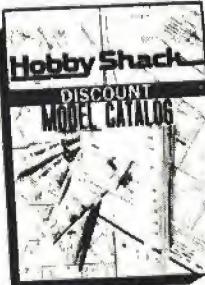
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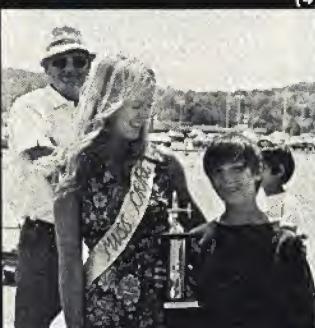
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ON THE SCENE

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(1) CRRC static display at Shopper's World parking lot. (2) Shopping carts full of Sleek Streaks and two anxious contestants. (3) Dave Coraccio's biplane heads for the clouds while the crowd looks on. (4) Miss CRRC with trophy winner Dick Desimone. In background is Russ Mannette, flight director of rubber band contest. (5) Bill Landry (rear) and Dick Mayer ready Landry's Formula 1 Midget Mustang for a brief exhibition run at the Charles River Radio Controllers' June 3 air show at Shopper's World in Framingham, Massachusetts. The shopping center contributed \$150 to the Club to be used in developing newly acquired flying site. (6) President Russ Davis and Treasurer Jim Peghiny, flanked by two youthful bicyclists who dropped in at the new flying field, explain the RC bit. It's 400 ft. to the shallow tree line; the embankment beyond is a hay field.



Photos by Lorelei Snyder

After impatiently awaiting the third cutting of the newly seeded 400 x 250 ft. field, the 110 members of the Charles River Radio Controllers moved onto their new flying site at Callahan State Park, Framingham, Massachusetts, in late July. Even now, those members who insisted for three years it would never happen are still pinching themselves.

Success hasn't come without some blood, a lot of sweat and possibly some unadmitted tears of frustration. In the spring of 1969, CRRCer Al Nau, a Framingham policeman, alerted the Club to the state's acquisition of a new park site and suggested there might be room in the plans for a flying field. He and Al Bachand began hounding the local politicians; nothing came of it but promises of "something next week."

While awaiting "next week," Bachand began collecting data on good flying sites around the country, paying particular attention to how clubs were

living at peace with their neighbors. Finally giving up on the local politicos, Bachand took his material directly to the State House. "Using all my sales training, I talked the secretary of the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources into letting me see the man for just ten minutes."

Those ten minutes proved to be critical for the Club. Bachand came away with an invitation to return with a plan. He asked fellow CRRCer Ed Baum, an MIT architect, to prepare site plans for the 28-acre flying field and find it a place in the master plan of the 550-acre park which will eventually include golfing, picnicking, horses and a water fowl pond.

"We had to educate the state as to what modeling was and also how much control we had over our members. We had to convince them we were not like the irresponsible mini-bikers and snowmobilers who have continually torn up the fields," Bachand said.

The permit was finally signed this past January. Anyone in the state with an FCC and AMA license may fly at the park as long as he follows the rules posted at the field. The CRRC Club voted a voluntary assessment of \$25 to develop the site, and about 60 percent of the membership responded.

"Even the Juniors have asked us what they can do to help," Club President Russ Davis said. Members have also volunteered their talents. Two owners of 48" mowers have volunteered to keep the field cut, and a dozen others have said they would take a day mowing.

Plans for the future include black-topped runways, parking lot, grandstand and sanitary facilities. Next year the state has promised a concessioner's permit which will allow the club to collect user fees similar to ski areas, and the money will be put toward field improvements. In the meantime the Club is asking for voluntary donations.

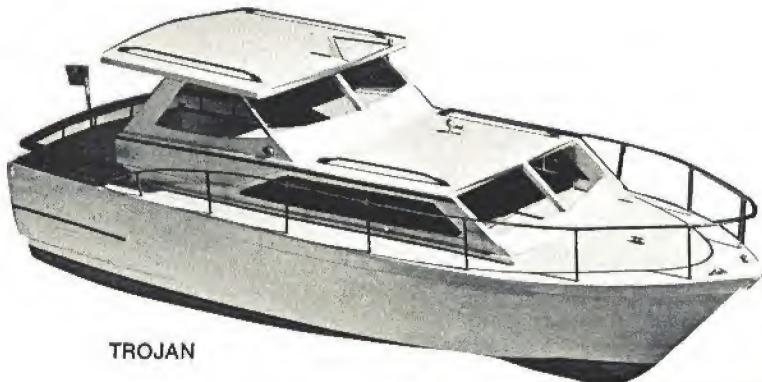
While waiting for the grass to grow last June, the Club went all out to promote modeling as a responsible, healthy and skillful hobby with three exhibitions in as many weeks. For the second year, CRRC held an all-day air show, static display and kids contest at one of the Boston area's largest shopping centers, from which they netted \$150 from the center management. Gratis, CRRC joined the USAF Thunderbirds at Hanscom Field in Bedford, Massachusetts the next weekend for another demo; the following weekend they showed up at Dover-Sherborn Regional High School at the request of the Dover Youth Center.

"We're still in the development stage," Davis reminds everyone. But he adds: "Things have gone very well so far."

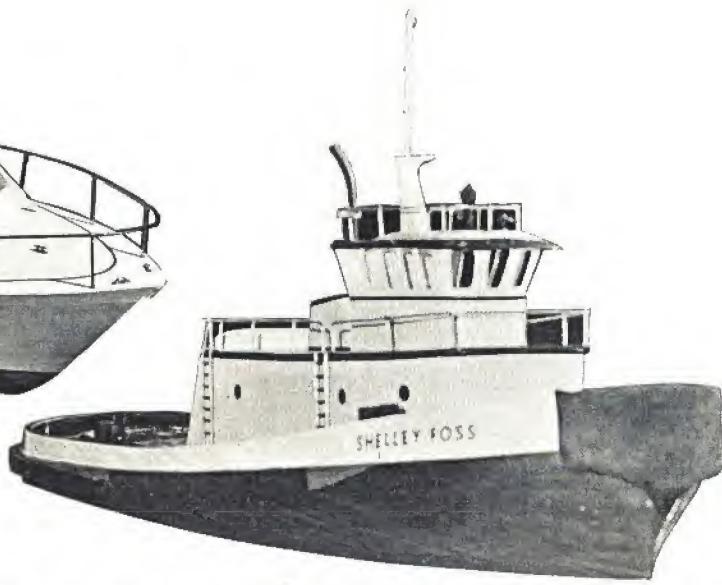
Al Bachand, who over the past three years has visited the State House on the average of twice a month to bring the field into existence, adds one very important thought:

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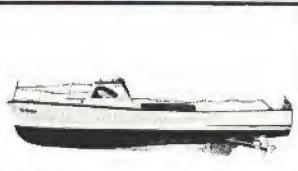


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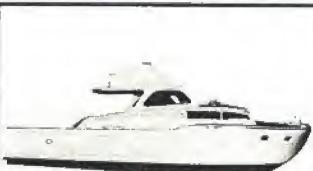
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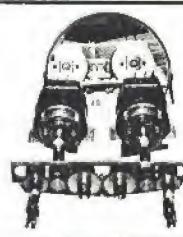
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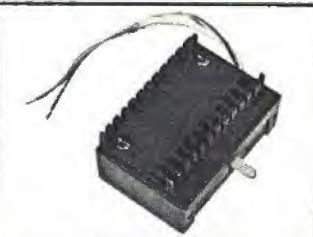
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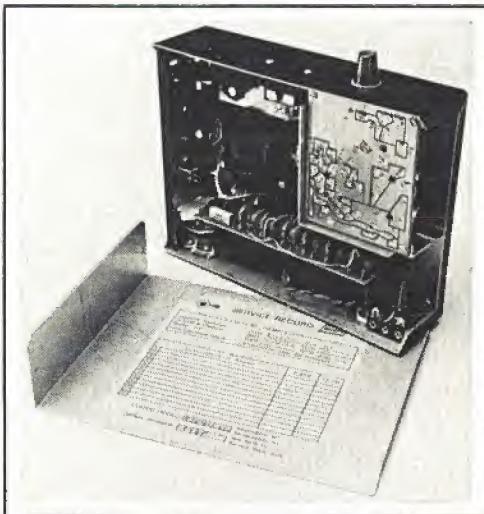
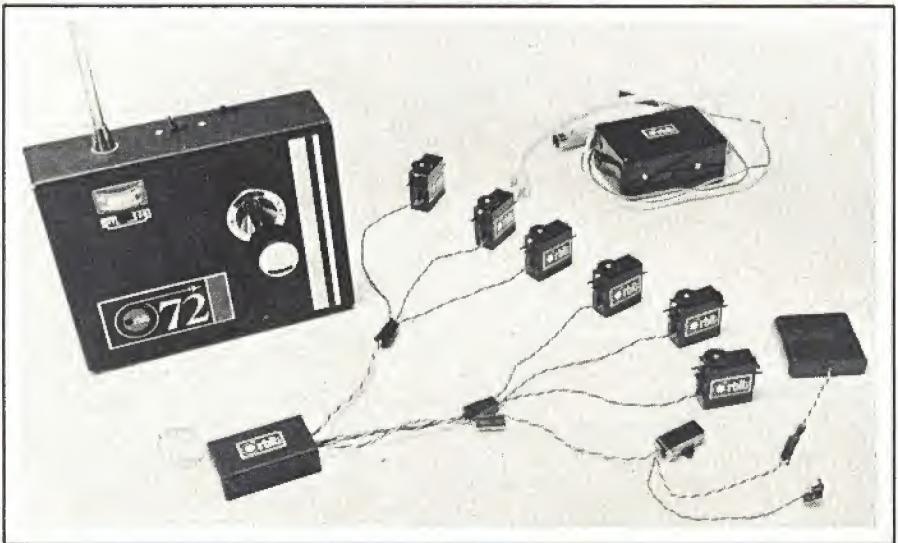
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ORBIT'S CUSTOM SIX-CHANNEL SINGLE STICK WITH THE ROBUST PS6 SERVO.

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Top: In addition to the above parts, the Custom systems also include all servo trays, frequency flag, an excellent instruction manual, and plenty of servo output arms. Above: New Orbit single deck receiver. It now operates at full range between 4.8V down to 3.6V. A one-cell battery failure is not a guaranteed disaster as in the past. Left: New feature in the transmitter is the attached service record card. The technician who does the work also signs the card. This speeds service and assures quality work. Below: Workshop effort on the Intruder is finished—now for some flying.



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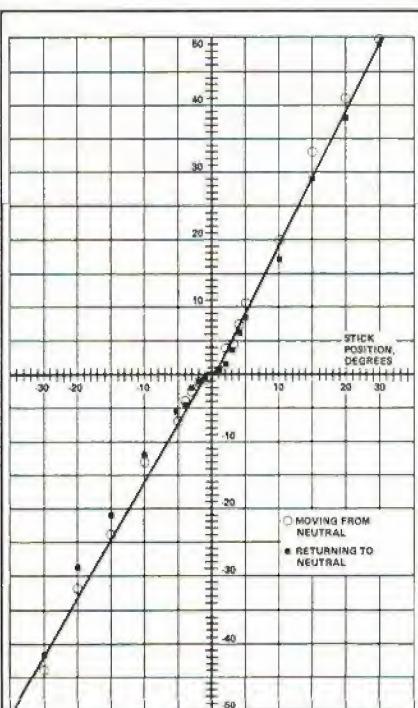
You could say that the set tested this month has undergone two years of testing without stretching the point too much. The 1970 Orbit set was the first serious Blue Ribbon Review done by the author. I purchased that set and have flown it about every session in just one airplane—the R/C Nobler originally presented in AAM. It seems in order to point out that the authors of Blue Ribbon Reviews receive payment from AAM for the reviews, they do not receive equipment. Personally, I think this adds to the objectivity. It would be pretty hard to criticize equipment received gratis from a manufacturer who is also an advertiser!

That original set has suffered only one failure in two and one half years. One cell in the battery pack failed at the moment a snap roll in vertical flight was being performed. Spectacular!

Much has happened at Orbit since that time. Bob Dunham, the founder of Orbit, sold the business to Datatron, Inc. which also purchased Micro Avionics. After two years, Datatron sold Orbit Electronics to Charles Speer, a business management consultant. Speer has proceeded rapidly to revitalize Orbit, reexpand its line of products and, I think most importantly, to bring service back to the level it belongs. Orbit has "laid it on the line" so to speak by offering a 90-day warranty on repairs. In other words, if a set is repaired and then suffers the same failure within 90 days, that repair will be without charge.

The set tested this month is a single-stick, six channel set. (The 1969 set mentioned above has a two-stick transmitter.) Physically, the new set shares much in common with the earlier set. Receiver case style is the same: vinyl covered aluminum with the receiver board retained by slots in the ends of the bottom half of the case. The servos

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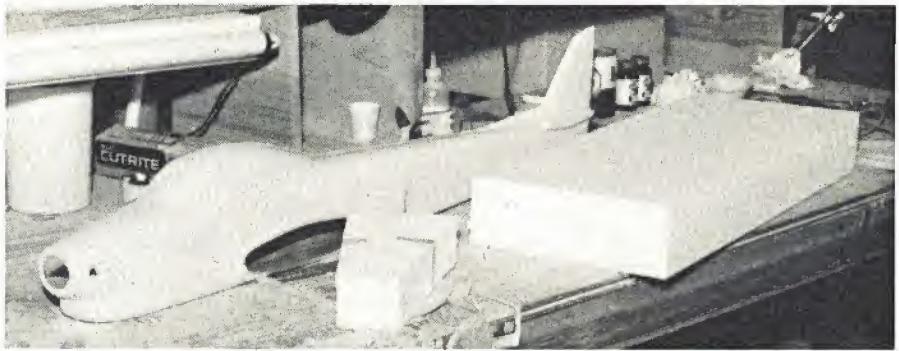
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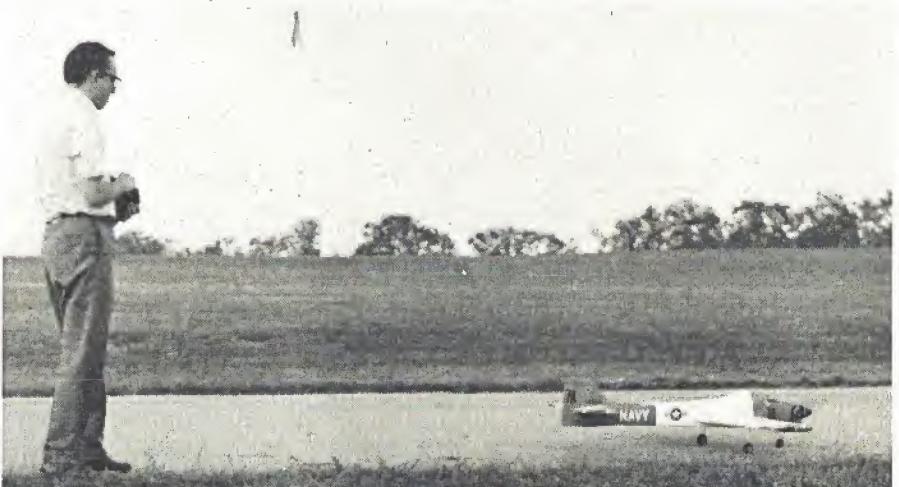
PART II

SKYGLAS KIT OF KIRKLAND'S A6 INTRUDER. AUTHOR LIKES IT SO MUCH HE'S MADE THREE.

VAN HIGHERS



Top: The Intruder is typical of all SkyGlas kits. Finely-detailed and precision-joined fiberglass fuselage with foam wing and stab cores. Sides are actually joined while still in original molds and there's very little flash or gaps in the joints. Above left: Every builder has his pet materials. Van Highers strongly recommends Weldwood water-based contact cement for skinning wings and stab. The skinning job is about an evening's work. Above right: Spackling compound is great for filleting the joints of the tall surfaces with the fuselage. It sands easily, too. Left: The muscle up front is a Blue-head Supertigre 60 equipped with Perry carburetor and flow-through type muffler. Remember to balance the plane for the side-mounted engine. Below: Most fun part of all Blue Ribbon Reviews is flying. The Intruder is an excellent ship for a sport flier with a grass field. It even stunts nicely at half-throttle.



It has really been a pleasure to build (assemble) the A-6 kit and to fly the airplane. It looks like Jim Kirkland has hit upon a winning airplane. The kit comes in five pieces. They are the fiberglass fuselage and two wing halves and the stabilizer halves. My fuselage weighed in at 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. When the kit arrived, I made up a list of materials that would be needed to finish the airplane. It took about fifteen dollars worth of wood and accessories to finish the airplane. The A-6 in the pictures is finished off with silk and dope. Mine turned out a little heavy. Eight lb. and four oz. empty (no fuel). The G-60 Supertigre on Missle Mist will really haul this airplane around the sky.

The cores were covered with 1/16" balsa. I mixed some red cake coloring in the Weldwood water-based contact cement and then applied the glue to the cores and covering sheets. By using the coloring, I could see where the cement was too heavy or too light. After the cores were covered, I made a wing jig to get the proper dihedral angle. The plans that came with the kit do not specify the dihedral information. Kirkland recommends 11/16" under each wing tip measured from the skin to your work surface.

The stabilizer cutout in the fiberglass fuselage was made with a cut-off disc on a Moto-tool. To get proper alignment of the stabilizer, I blocked up the fuselage with a 24-in. straightedge through the wing saddle. Then I could measure the vertical distance to each tip of the straight edge to get it level with the table. This would ultimately give me a level stabilizer when placed in the fuselage. Measure the stabilizer tips, then block in place and epoxy in place on the bottom side. After the bottom side was epoxied in, I epoxied the top of the fuselage, aligning the fin vertically at the same time.

The wing joint was made with epoxy. A four-in. wide band, top and bottom, of fiberglass tape was laid up with epoxy to secure strength in the center section. The wing was bolted in place with nylon bolts and 3/8 dowels in the leading edge. After installing the wing, the belly pan was taped in place and appropriate filler material was used to get the proper fit to the fuselage. The strip ailerons leave one with excess wood as they must be cut down from two-in. stock wood. To shape the ailerons fast, use a razor plane and the wood comes off easy. I glued mine in place and got the proper shape and then I used a coping saw to cut them loose. The leading edge shape is a half diamond, so there is a gapless fit at the wing trailing edge. The hinges were inset into the ailerons for a gapless fit. To get this airplane to roll properly the ailerons must be a close fit, but free. I insure a gapless fit by using Scotch tape on the underside, full length of the ailerons. The clevises are at the top of the horns. This way if the roll rate is too extreme, start by removing a couple of inches of tape from both sides beginning at the inboard section and working outboard.

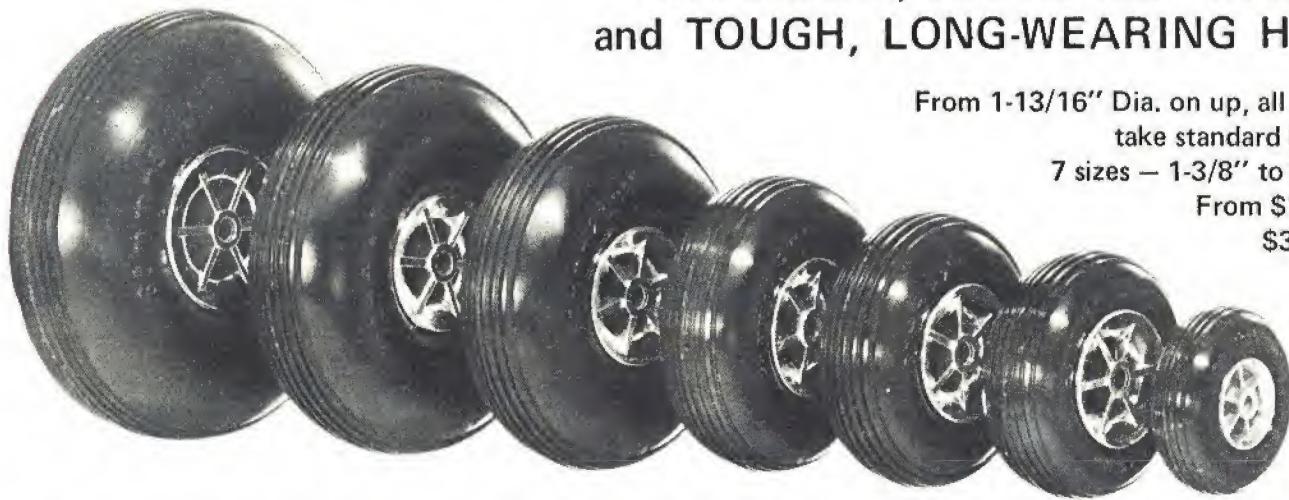
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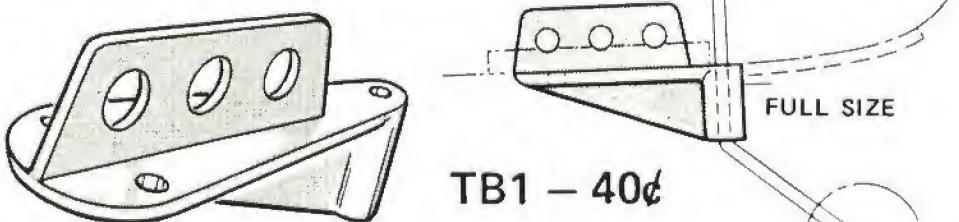
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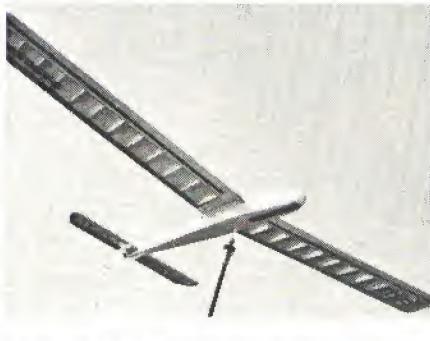
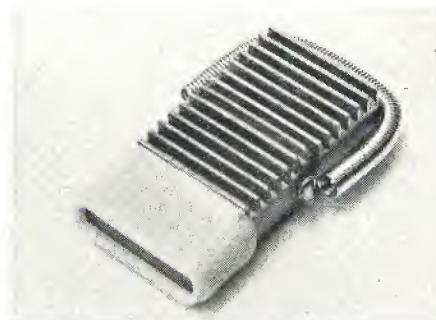
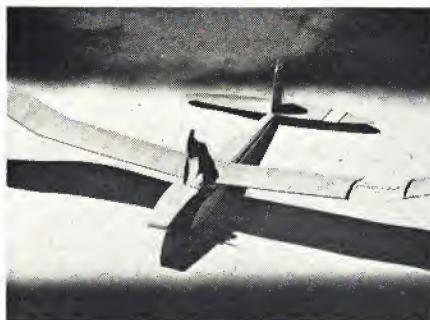
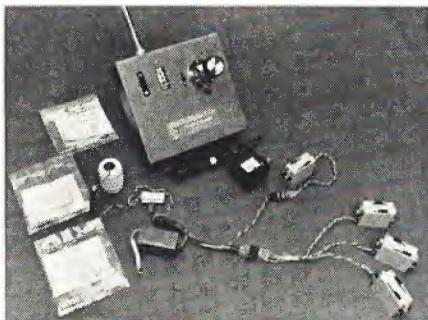
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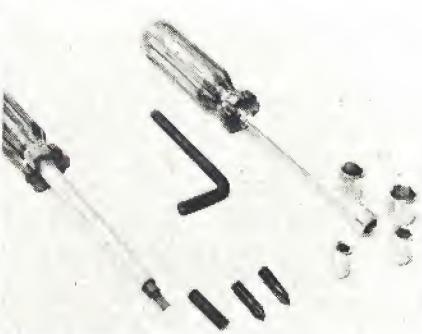
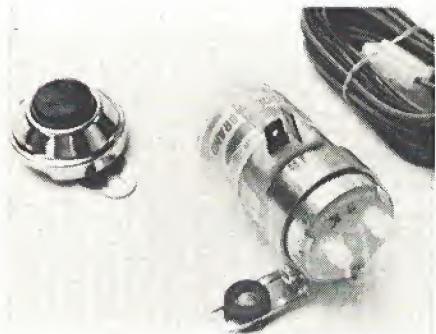
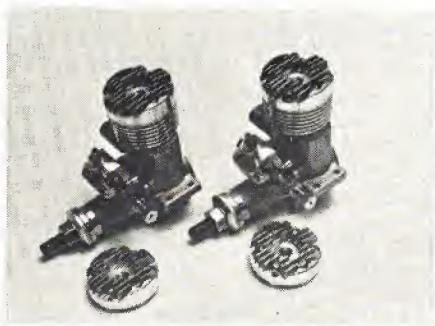
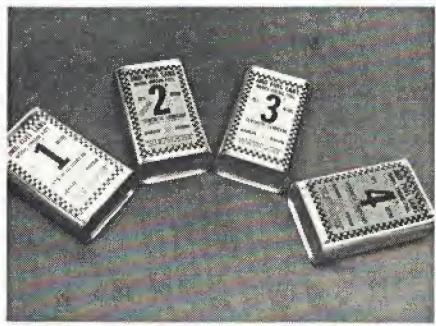
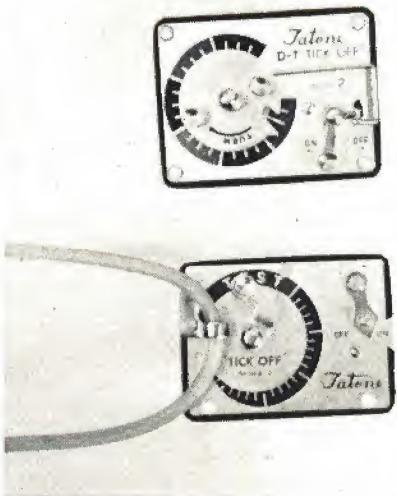
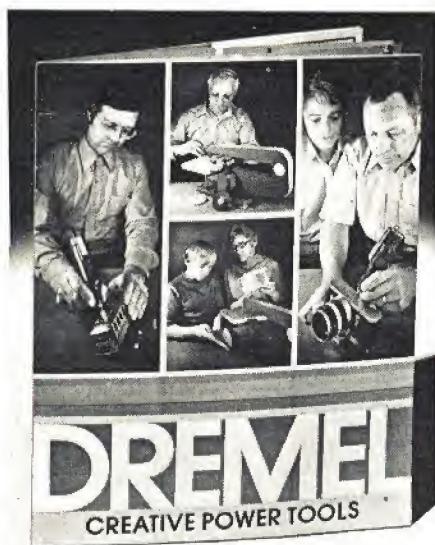
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THE SOUND OF THINGS TO COME

ELECTRIC POWER IS HERE NOW.

JACK HEADLEY

The Royal Aeronautical Society published a series of papers under the general heading of "Looking Ahead in Aeronautics" during the late 1960s. These papers authored by some of the world's experts in the aeronautical art covered a wide range of topics regarding what aviation is going to be like in the next hundred years. In one of the papers B. S. Shenstone discussed what's going to happen to "Unconventional Flight" by which he meant gliders, sailing boats, man-powered aircraft, and in addition model airplanes. This surprised and delighted me, as models rarely make their appearance in "serious" literature. One sentence in particular interested me: "The need for an entirely different source of power and fuel may not be fully realized at present, but such a unit and the aerodynamics and structure to match is bound to come." When I read this in 1968 I couldn't see why we would need a new power source. What could be wrong with the old glow motor?

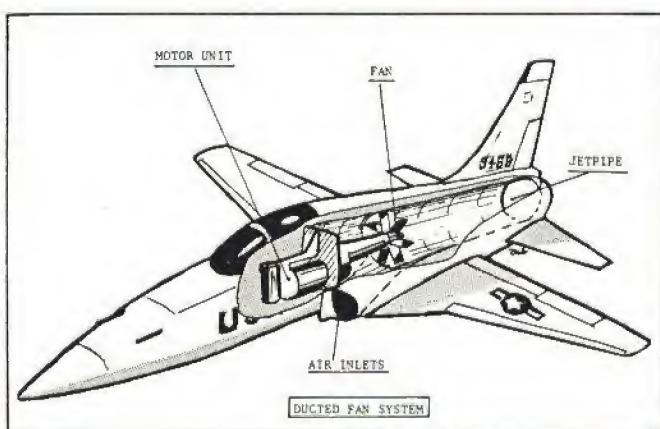
Well, here it is 1972, and there are quite a few people ready to tell us what's wrong with the old glow motor. For some reason the sound of a control-line model buzzing around is greatly disturbing to the majority of the population, who are otherwise deaf to lawnmower engines, helicopters, minibikes and the like. In short, we produce too much "noise pollution."

How does this model specification fit Shenstone's requirements? (1) Different source of power—electric motor. (2) Fuel—instantly rechargeable battery. (3) New structure—foam wing and tail, plastic body. (4) Noise level—None (almost).

Does such a thing exist? Yes, in fact there are two of them. One is an RC model, and the other is a free flight called the "Superstar," both now available from Mattel and both powered by electric motor units.

We'll concentrate on these electric motor units, in particular the smaller one from the "Superstar," but the suggestions will be applicable to both units. But this shouldn't be looked on as just another motor type; it is actually a means of bringing back flying from the outer boondocks to the local park, or even our own backyard. In one stroke of genius one of the major drawbacks of modern aeromodeling, the noise problem, has been eliminated. Thanks to Mr. Mattel, we are now able to fly around the local neighborhood, rather than drive for hours to find a place to do a little free flying.

Without too much divination, we can see the following immediate applications for the electric motor power unit.



SCALE MODELS

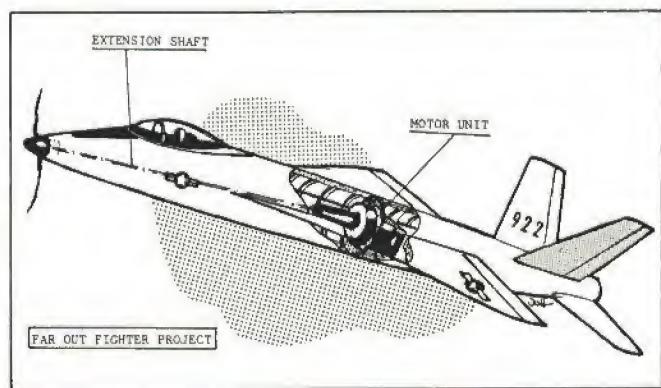
Nothing sounds less scale-like than a beautifully built scale model powered by a small glow motor running at about 20,000 rpm. And nothing is more frustrating than trying to start a small diesel motor that's fully cowled in a scale ship, so here we have the perfect power unit for the scale model. Possibly the quietness won't sound scale-like either, so we could add a little noisemaker to the engine to correctly simulate the true sound!

More seriously, other applications could be for long nosed models. Here it should be relatively easy to replace the existing motor shaft with a longer one, thus keeping the motor over the CG. Our sketch of the Far Out Fighter illustrates this idea.

For pusher models simply reverse the battery leads, put the prop on backwards, and away you go.

DUCTED FANS

See the remarks about starting fully cowled engines in scale models and double them for ducted fans. Here's the ideal application for the electric motor, just switch it on and it runs. For this application the motor unit should be put in backwards, and a "left-handed fan" will be required. The sketch shows a possible installation.



AUXILIARY POWER UNIT FOR RC GLIDERS

Gliders can often be flown in populated areas, mainly because of their "noiselessness," and use of the conventional strap-on O49 motor for calm days is usually not too practical, so why not an electric power pod—at least it won't bring all the neighbors running. The sketch shows one possibility, a nose mount rather than the usual over-the-wing system is preferred because of the prop diameter. But, no goop on the model and no necessity to fuelproof same. Bigger batteries will also give more duration.

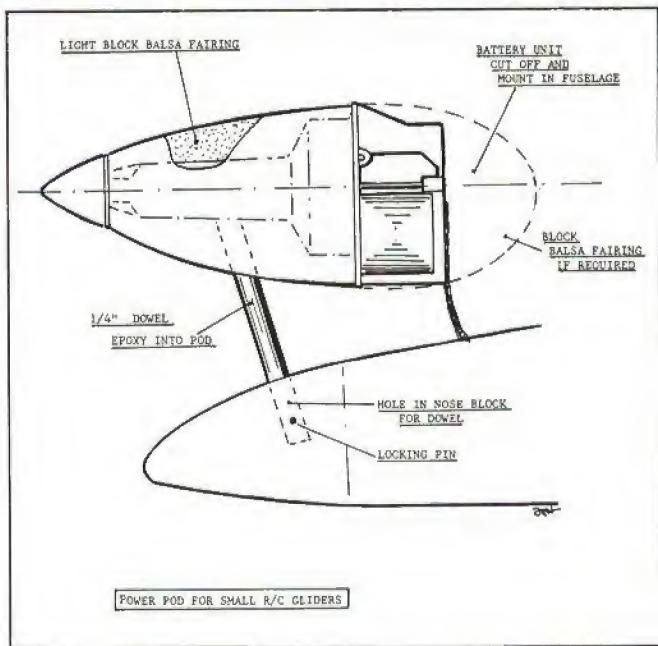
MULTI-ENGINED FREE FLIGHT MODELS

By far the biggest problem in multi-engined models is that of keeping all the motors running evenly, and having them all stop at the same time. No longer. Run all the motors from a common battery pack; switch on and all props are spinning, the batteries run out and all the props stop at the same time—fabulous. Now for less than \$30 you could probably build a free flight B-17 and get more than one flight out of it.

No need to sketch ideas here, they come too readily to mind. Now, with 12 motors I could finally make that Dornier Do.X and then maybe that....

And lots more, it doesn't take too long to think of all sorts of exciting applications. You've probably thought of two or three others while reading all this. So let's cash in on this fabulous possibility—it's not too expensive either. Our local discount house sells the complete "Superstar" package (that's model plus motor) for around \$7, cheaper than most glow motors these days. So buy one or two and try silent flying—it's fun.

But just in case you haven't run across one of these motors yet, we've made a sketch showing the various components. This is the standard unit, just as fitted to the "Superstar." It doesn't take too much imagination to see that a much lighter and more compact unit could be made.



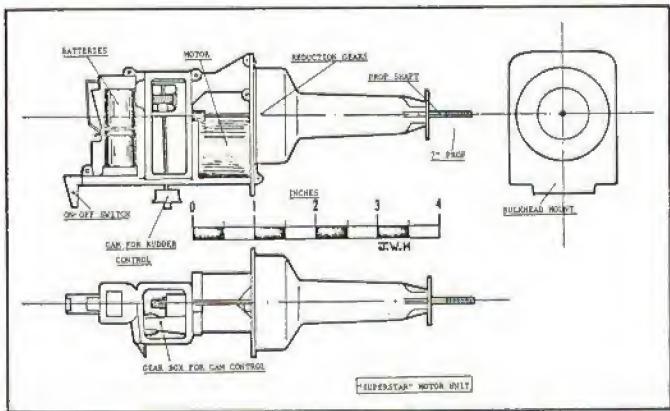
MOTOR UNIT MODIFICATIONS

Probably the first item we can delete is the small gear box used with the cam rudder control, and then after this, the batteries can be relocated, either above the motor, or in a separate package, which means adding a couple of about 16-18 gauge connecting wires.

Another possibility is to increase the length of the motor run by adding a further pair of batteries in parallel with the first set.

We've mentioned the extension shaft already for use with long nosed models, so the opposite approach for stubby nosed models like the Sopwith Camel would be to shorten the prop shaft. This would mean cutting the plastic support structure and remaking the forward bearing, but this should be easily done.

In short, we can see that all types of modifications are



possible and these can be accomplished using only a few hand tools.

A final suggestion is to fit a freewheeling propellor. Any of the well-known rubber model type freewheelers should work here. The one we prefer is the "one-way" clutch type.

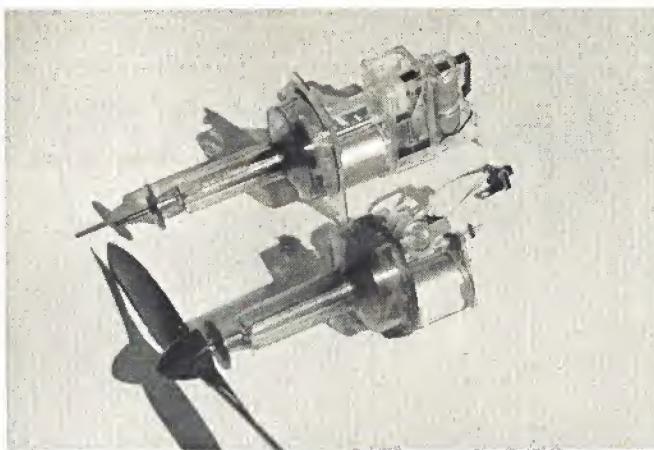
MODEL SIZES

So far we made two original electric models, plus another converted from a large rubber scale model, and flying these plus the original "Superstar" has given us a good first shot at sizing electric-powered airplanes. The two originals (both called Vampires, although they were different designs) were around three-ft. wingspan, which seems about optimum. These models had a good fast climb, followed by a reasonable glide. The converted rubber model however, had almost no climb, with a ceiling of about 10 to 15 ft., but this had a wingspan of just over four ft. So 36" to 40" looks about right for the span, with not too heavy construction.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Electric models are a lot of fun to fly, and in these days of instant everything, give instant flight. Contest flying is undoubtably not far away, and indeed as this was being written we received word that the 1972 "Flightmasters" Annual Scale Contest would have a class for electric-powered free flight scale. So why not try electric flying, you'll like it.

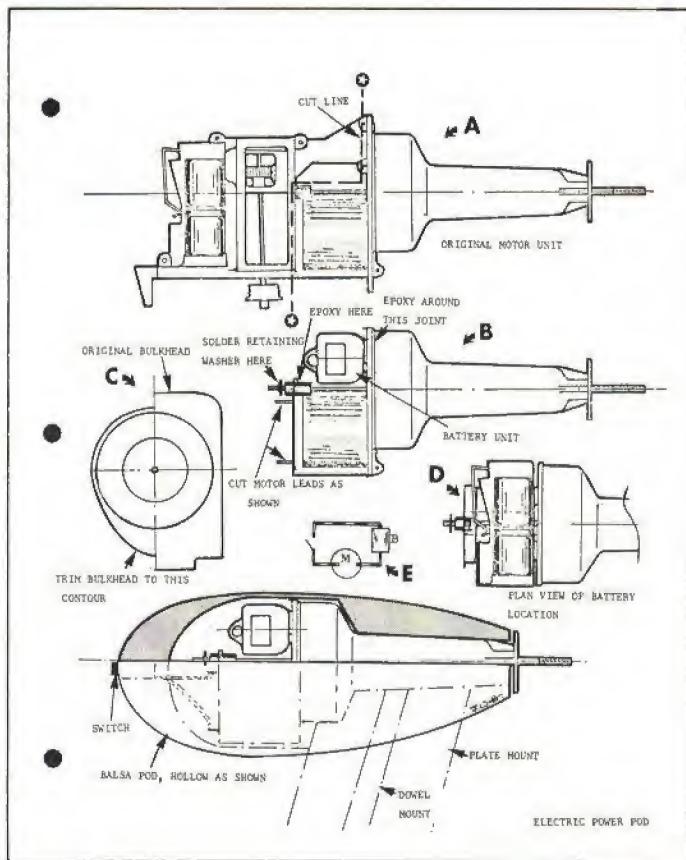
As anyone who's done a little slope soaring knows, there are times when, after hauling all the equipment to the top of the local lump, the wind, which has been blowing steadily for days, ceases as soon as the model is assembled. Maybe Mother Nature is upset because I eat too much margarine or something, but it does seem to happen to me quite often. So what can we do about this? Up to now my solution has been to sit around on the top of the hill complaining, but this



Original and modified motor units.

On the "Capstan" test bed.





doesn't get much flying done, so I decided to make a power pod for just these occasions. So what, you say, power pods have been around since Pontius was a pilot. Ho-ho, sez I, but not my non-polluting, non-oily, silent electric type power pod. Made from a Mattel free-flight model power unit, it's easily constructed and can be kept in a corner of the model box for just those days. Want to make one? The following step by step instructions show how to convert the Mattel unit into a Mother Nature beater.

- (1) Cut off the gear box-battery assembly from the motor unit (Fig. A).
- (2) Cut the motor leads about 1/4" aft of the motor.
- (3) Trim off the rear bearing to a small cylinder.
- (4) Epoxy this bearing to the frame, and also run a bead of epoxy around the front bell housing (Fig. B).
- (5) Trim the bulkhead to an oval shape (Fig. C).
- (6) Solder a retaining washer to the big gear shaft (Fig. B).
- (7) Trim the battery carrier as shown (Fig. D), removing the slide switch in the process. Affix the batteries to the carrier with masking tape.
- (8) Solder a pair of wires to the battery, motor, and a new slide switch (Fig. E).
- (9) Make up the balsa pod and insert the motor. The pod is split horizontally for this purpose and is held together with a couple of rubber bands.
- (10) Pod mounting is optional, the sketch shows both a dowel type mount and a plywood plate, so take your pick.

Charging the batteries is accomplished in the original way. The total weight of the original pod plus motor unit came out to be three ounces.

Editor's Note: Several issues hence AAM will present a major article by Bob Meuser in which he reviews the many electric power systems now being offered to modelers. This will include technical data, information on weights, power duration, battery requirements and charging systems.

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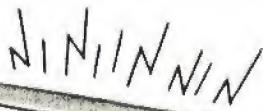
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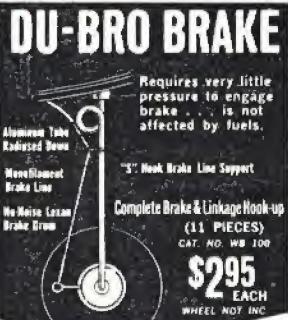
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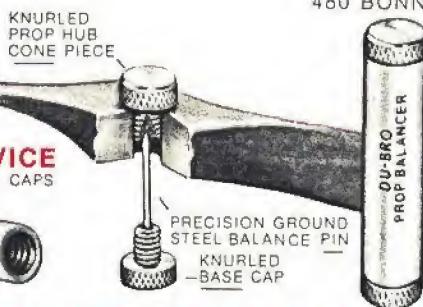
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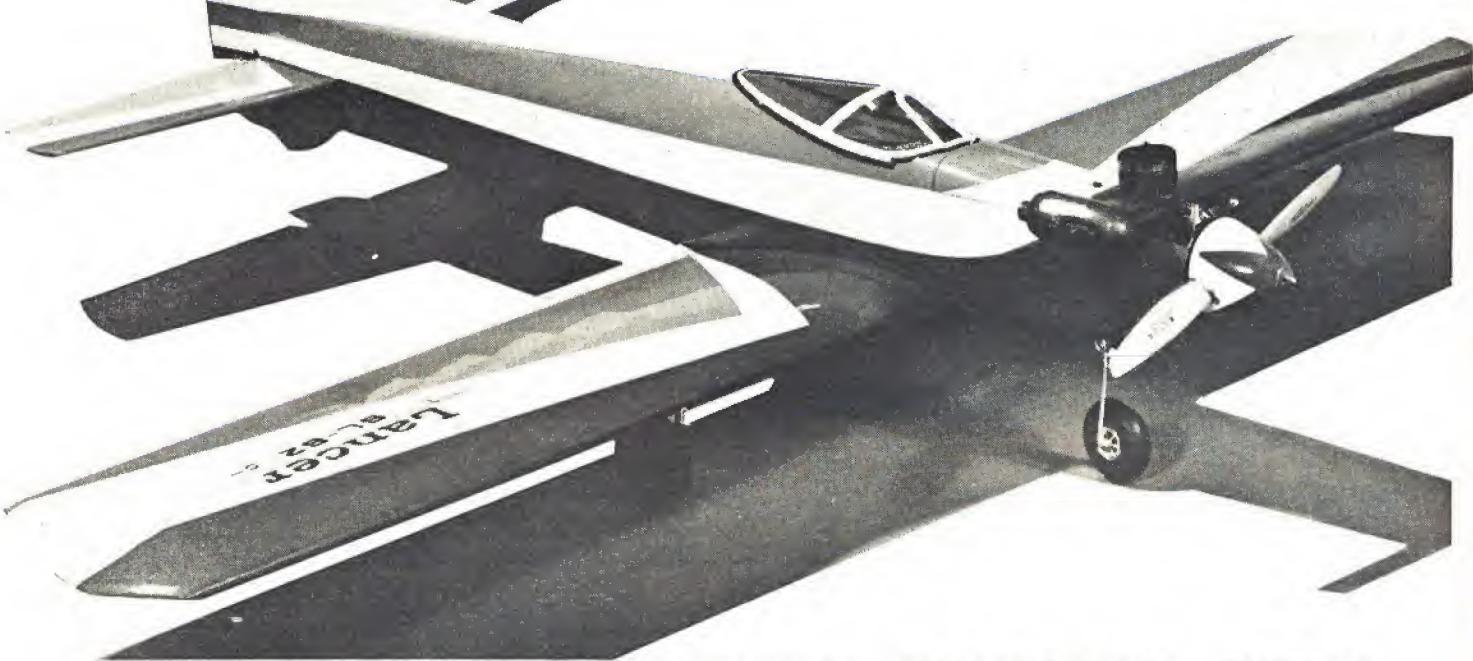
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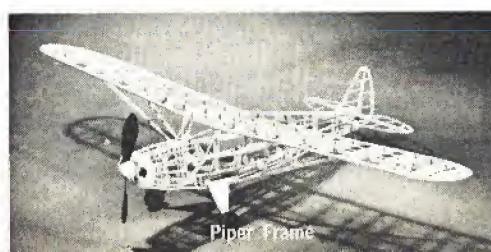
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720 TURN

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I'm certainly not going to claim this ship is the ultimate in competition power models. If I thought that the ultimate design were possible I would quit today. For me, Free Flight is truly the greatest of all model flying, unlimited in challenge, development, and best of all, pure enjoyment. May it live forever!

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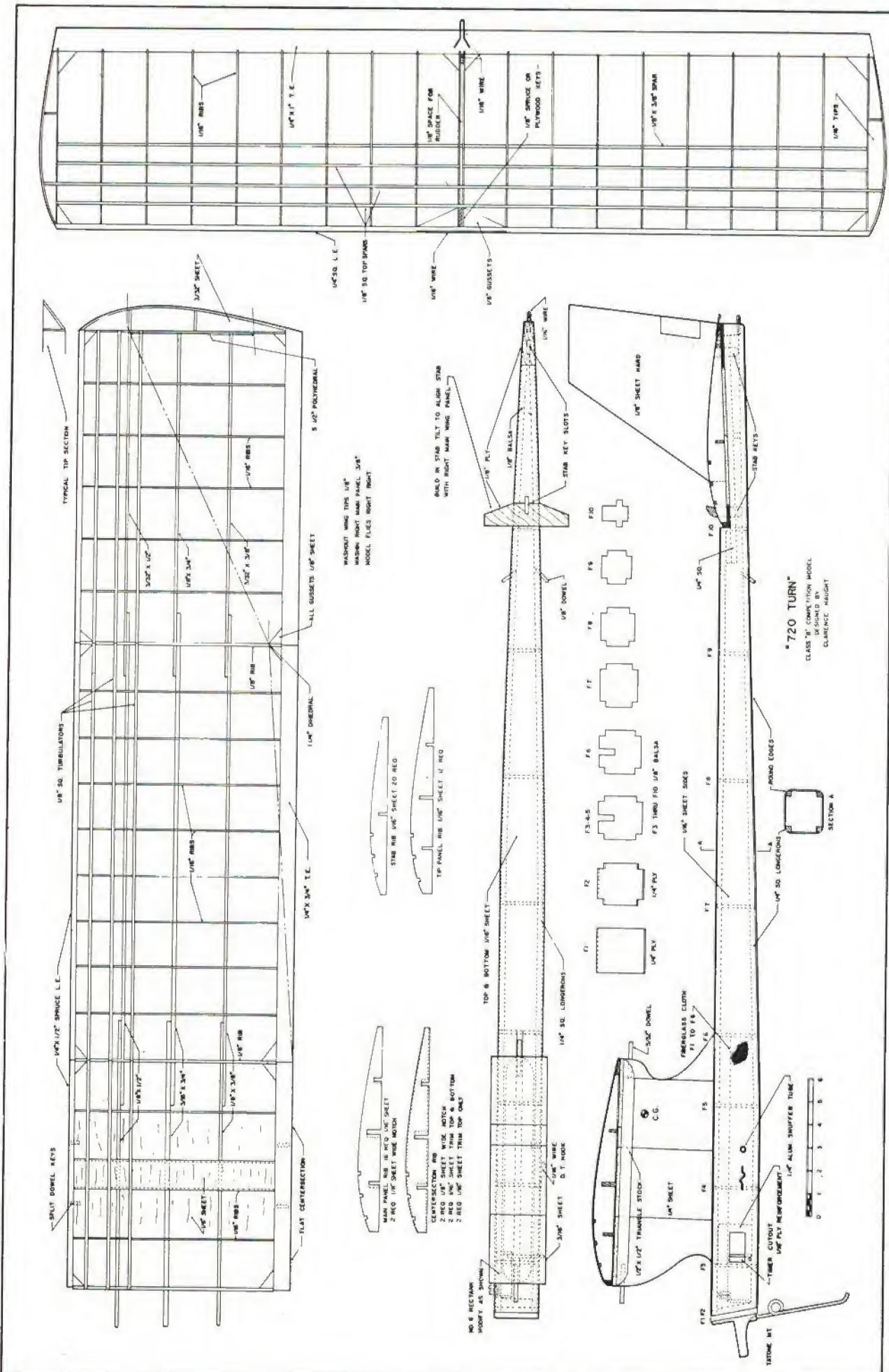
The 720 turn happens to be my best design effort at this time. I have incorporated the features I believe to be the most compatible for a compromise situation—that of a fast, high climb and a floating glide. Either of the above-mentioned characteristics are easily attained but when efforts are made to combine them it is a compromise at best.

For the climb portion of the flight to gain that all-precious altitude for a better chance at the elusive thermal, I

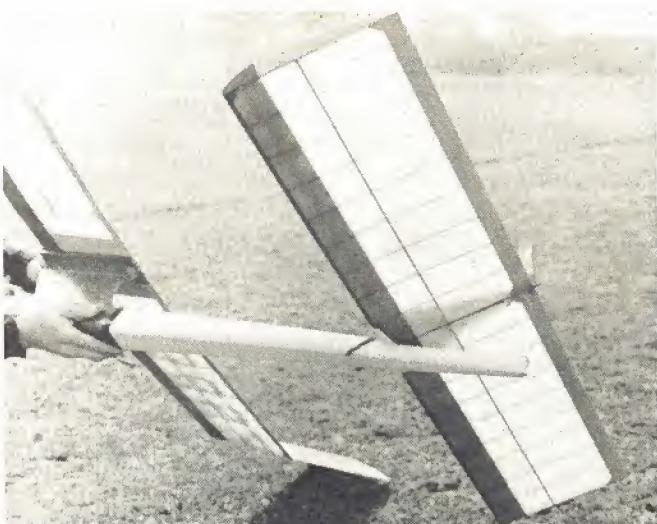
have relied upon a thin, flat bottom airfoil. It's sort of a "draw around your shoe sole" airfoil of questionable ancestry but it works on this design. It was kept under 10% in thickness in hopes of reducing drag without sacrificing lift. Another drag reduction measure is the use of minimal frontal area.

Keeping the structure as light as possible, yet with sufficient strength, contributes to overall climb and glide performance.

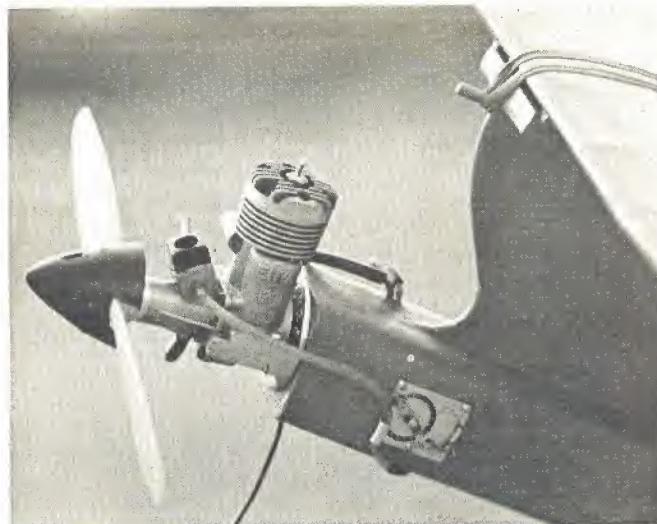
Probably one of the most important climb influencing factors is the power plant. The original ship utilizes an Enya 29 setup with the high compression head and the No. Three venturi insert running on a pressure fuel system with high nitro fuel. 9-4, 10-3½ and 10-4 props have been used with good results. (Start with the 10-4 and work back to the 9-4 as the ship is more docile on a 10-4.) A competitive free flight must have a "going" engine. The 720 turn



FULL SIZE PLANS AVAILABLE - SEE PAGE 84



Forty degrees pop-up DT is ideal on this model. Fuse trips the DT and is located along the fuselage.



The motivating force is an unmodified but carefully freed up Enya. Flood-off use to stop engine run.

was intended for Class B competitions so I have not experimented with larger engines. However, the above combination provides a spectacular performance controllable without a Variable Incidence Tailplane. A larger engine would definitely require more downthrust as the increased climb speed with resultant increase in lift will create looping tendencies.

As mentioned before, I trim for two turns in the climb. It could be less but the advantage is a faultless, consistent transition which to me is a better buy than a few more feet of altitude and an occasional bad transition. The altitude difference just isn't that much.

In the glide department you can probably spot my Nordic upbringing. A high aspect ratio to ride those gentle currents with the lowest possible sink and turbulator spars to extend still-air time, while providing valuable structural strength with low weight penalty. You'll note the reference to "still-air" and "gentle currents." Any old barn door will turn in a max in a good thermal so why not put in a few still-air performance features? If your ship has these capabilities, a quick on-site trim change, born of familiarity and experience with your ship, and you're ready for smooth or rough air.

The pylon layout was chosen for this design over the high thrust layout. Here again, a compromise must be reached. High thrust ships are less sensitive to trim changes and are much easier to handle in this respect, but that engine, nacelle and prop combination sure creates drag and turbulence at a poor place—right in front of the center wing section. This will have a negative effect on the lift generated by this portion of the wing. A pylon mounted wing can operate in undisturbed air for the most part. The slightly more difficult trim characteristics are easily worth the better glide.

All these things add to the model's potential to do well in a meet. Of course in free flight a well designed and trimmed model is only part of the game. Launching into good air and just plain luck have an important bearing on suc-

cess as well. The fact that the same guy doesn't win *all* the time is another reason why free flight is so great. Of course the more effort exerted, the more often Lady Luck will smile in your direction.

Reliability of your equipment is vitally important, too. How many times have you seen some hot dog sit on the ground all day with a hybrid machine with so many bugs in it no official flights are made and the meet is won with a simple, consistent, reliable model? Practice and know the flight characteristics and traits of your model thoroughly before entering competition. Use proven, reliable systems. I suggest the use of a pressure fuel system with a tin tank and a "squeeze off" timer. This works best for me. Pacifier tanks, flood off systems, etc. are all good; if they work for you, use them. All I'm saying is use a good system that works for you consistently and keep good fuel tubing installed. Make frequent checks of all fittings, screws, fasteners, etc. and strain all fuel through a filter on your fuel can or in the actual aircraft system. It will show up on your trophy shelf!

Flying a new ship is always a "nervous" experience but can be lessened somewhat by a careful systematic approach to the subject.

Set the ship up with CG and down-thrust as shown on the plan and slight left or zero sidethrust. Wash-in the right main wing panel 3/8 in. (TE down) at the dihedral break and wash-out both tip panels 1/8 in. (TE up) at extreme tips. The left main panel should be flat. The wash-out at the tips is to prevent the tips from stalling before the main panels resulting in spins or spiral dives. The wash-in in the right main panel serves to hold the right wing up during the right turn power pattern. This warp will also help prevent the model from spiral diving in during the right turn glide when strong lift is encountered.

Tilt the stabilizer right tip high so that it is approximately parallel to the right main wing panel. This will produce the desired right turn glide.

From this point all trim adjustments should be one of the appropriate four listed below.

Glide turn—more or less stab tilt as required.

Climb angle—shim up trailing edge of stabilizer to increase climb. Lower stabilizer trailing edge to reduce climb angle.

Power turn—use rudder tab, usually none or slight amount required to produce two full turns on full length motor run.

Glide angle—shift center of gravity, add nose weight to avoid stall, add tail weight to slow glide.

The above trim adjustments act independently with the possible exception that stab tilt will affect stab incidence slightly. Using this system, a change in one adjustment can be made relatively independent of others. When trimming any ship, make only one change at a time and proceed slowly.

We are now ready for the moment of truth. Select the calmest possible conditions hopefully in an area covered with the proverbial tall grass. Check alignment once more and hand glide to determine if a stall or dive tendency is present. Shim trailing edge of stabilizer accordingly. Hand glides on a ship this size prove little and expose the ship to unnecessary damage.

Always use the dethermalizer on all flights. Thirty seconds is good for tests as it reduces chase time and allows more power flights. Also if a poor adjustment is evident there is less chance of damage. I prefer the remote DT fuse location rather than the usual tail mount as a ship this size is too awkward to handle alone if the fuse is on the tail.

A three sec. run at 75% power will tell you if any vicious turning tendencies are present. Follow this with a three sec. full power run. If all is well, proceed with two sec. extension in the engine run and work up to a full length run. Add rudder tab as necessary to achieve a two turn power pattern. Climb angle should be about 75 degrees. As the power run is increased, speed will increase and may produce a steeper climb. Don't worry about transition until you reach nine sec. power runs. If it is not up to your expectations, you

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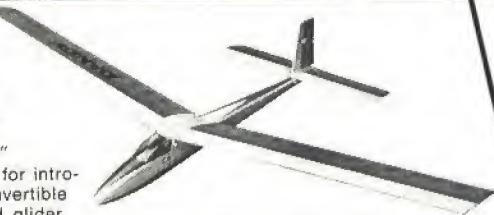
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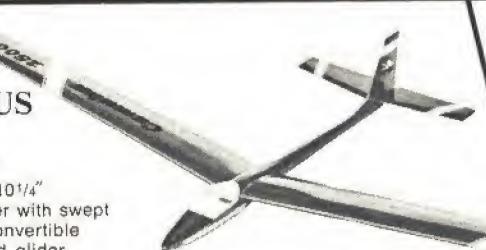
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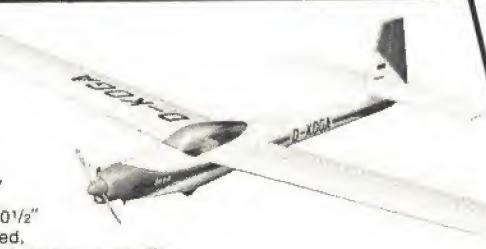
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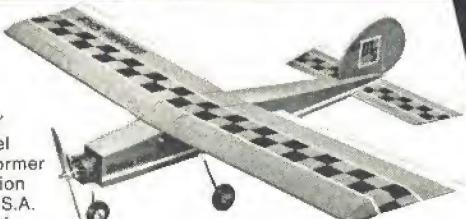
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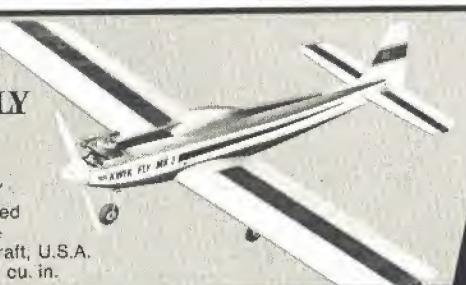
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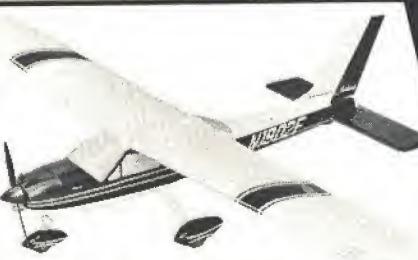
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The word "intention," according to Webster's "often applies to little more than having an idea in mind, or the will to act or do a certain thing." With this in mind, it would seem that most modelers are inherently blessed with all manner of "good intentions/ideas." In most cases, the only catalyst required to convert these intentions into reality, is simply ample free time applied towards the varied types and numbers of model subjects in mind for the future.

More often than not, we do complete some of our model-intentions. Some require the passing of more time than others before completion. Then there are those which are just passed over due to the advancements in the State-of-Art, or forgotten over the years. I have dropped a few intentions along the way, as most of us have. On the other hand, I have managed to complete some which date back a few years. Recently, for example, I completed an intention of twelve years—that of restoring a full-size aircraft. Today I am the very proud owner of a classic 1947 Stinson-Voyager, N-12-DB (Best Stinson Classic, 1971 EAA Convention). The original intention was easy to come by; the time for actual restoration was "sumpin' else." The model presented here, though a new design, is really the completion of another intention that dates back to 1969.

Ostensibly, Viper began as only an intention while completing the research covering the North American P-51 Mus-

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tang for an ultra-scale model (another good intention). As so often one project is shelved in lieu of another, so went the Mustang. My scale deHavilland Hornet took its place, as did the Stinson restoration project. The Mustang remains shelved, but that intention is the prime contributor and factor of this design.

Obtaining the airfoils and sections employed on the Mustang was a feat in itself. Once accomplished though, these laminar flow designs really "turned me on." I became intrigued by the rather unusual curves and reflexes of these high-speed sections. Thus Viper-intention began. Someday I would experiment with these sections on a non-scale design, or at least before completing the Mustang.

There were many long discussions about this project with other modelers. Seldom, if ever, were there any encouragements. Many had doubts and fears. The laminar-flow sections almost became more challenge than intention.

Certainly obvious was the fact that a non-scale design would provide the best test vehicle in the least amount of time. My next pattern design would begin around these airfoil sections.

Undoubtedly, from the onset, there could be more gained than lost in the experimentations. If the sections proved to be "another bag of worms," the test model could always be fitted with another wing—a small price to pay should it someday save the early demise of the "still intended Mustang." Needed then was only the free time to begin. Sound familiar?

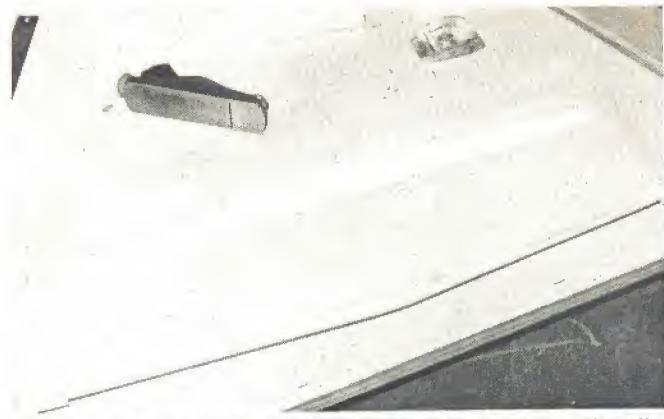
Inadvertently, as accidents occur, three fractured fingers left me with all sorts of time late in 1971. This period was not what I'd consider "good time," but I was grounded and idled. So I began the roughest of unnatural, left-handed sketches for Viper. Now there was time to incorporate new ideas and methods into those older ones learned through experience.

The only design parameters that can provide the exacting performance required of our pattern competition models are those found by the tried and proven methods. This will include many hours of testing, modifying and testing again. Reynolds Numbers, lift-drag ratios/coefficients, scale effect, etc., have little effect on RC as we know it today. Designs based upon these terms generally turn out poorly.

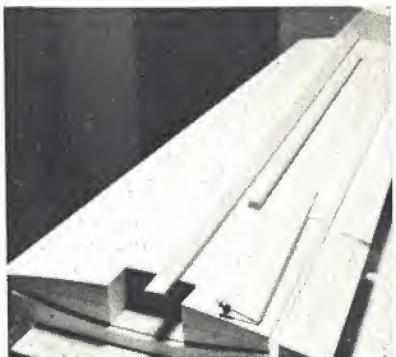
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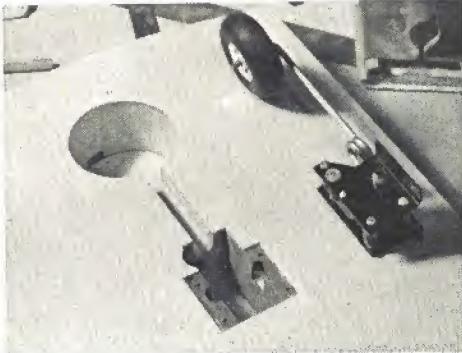
Neat and uncomplicated engine installation. Webra rests on Kraft-Hayes plastic mount.



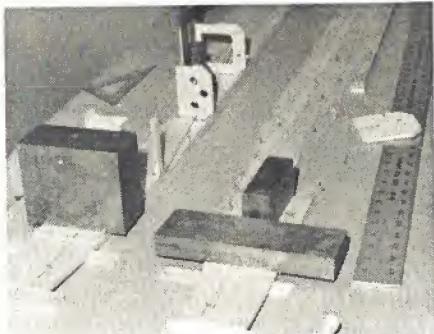
Thick airfoiled stab is balsa sheeting over foam. Note that like ailerons, elevators are foam cored. This guarantees airfoil continuity.



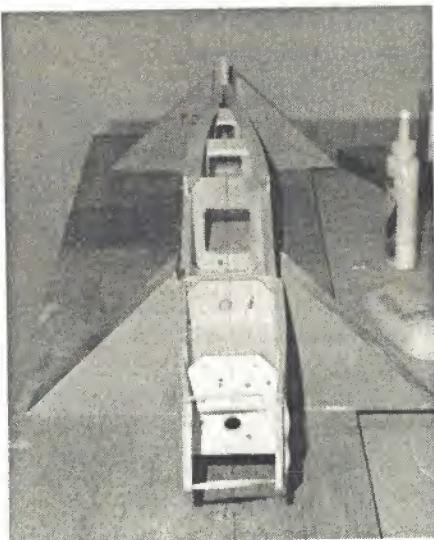
Sheeted wing is ready for aileron and wing facing, then hinging. This unusual airfoil required precision work.



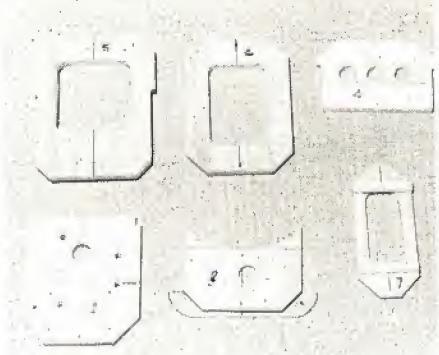
Pro-Line retract system is flown in one plane and shown being installed here. Violett landing gears are also considered excellent.



Rather than bend fuselage sides to fit bulkheads under tension, sides are water and ammonia soaked and laminated for doublers and bent on this jig. When dry, bend stays in without tension.



This shows proper lineup of the centerlines and accurate fuselage side alignment with heavy triangles.



Very important to accurate modeling is use of centerlines throughout. Text describes in detail.

phrase coined recently by one well-known RC editor, in which the averages compiled from some sixty-odd good models are used in achieving the ultimate in design. However, when employing average design methods, one should expect an average, not ultimate, model. Averagers can only lead to averages! Those items or combinations of items which perform well for one model seldom, if ever, perform well in combination with another set of conditions. I am not proposing that all designs begin on a "hit-or-miss" basis. In the Viper, other than the laminar-flow sections, combinations known and learned through experience were the only guidelines. Inspired by the new wing sections, it lead to some newer approaches toward the over-all design. The six available weeks helped, too. The completion of the drawings and the arrival of New Years Eve, 1972 were simultaneous.

The Toledo Conference was but 56 days off as the first balsa sheets were cut. Things went along smoothly even though some of the construction techniques were slightly unorthodox (foam ailerons), in an effort to maintain alignment and retention of the laminar sections. This "Toledo-bound" model was first presented, unpainted, at the January meeting of the Milwaukee Flying Electrons, nine days after its start. It was not alone—another member also displayed Viper Number Two the same night. The old doubts and fears were more in evidence that night than the models themselves.

Of the remaining 47 days before Toledo, 37 passed during the final assembly and finishing. Five more days passed for the display stand, leaving four days for some needed arm resting before the long drive to Toledo. Friday night in the Rec-Hall Viper made its formal debut, as yet, unflown!

The model stirred more than just casual interest. I noticed the apprehensive faces of the onlookers, who were aware of its distinctive airfoils, knowing it still was earthbound. My spouse, who was in charge of babysitting my models, began to have her own doubts of the venture, after overhearing the comments of the viewers.

Toledo is where it's at! To even "place" there is more than ample reward for one's efforts when viewing the quality of craftsmanship on display. If

you've not tried it, let me tell you there are some very tough acts to follow! The awards I received there for Viper were far above my wildest expectations! I again extend my all too simple "Thank You" to all the Weak Signal members.

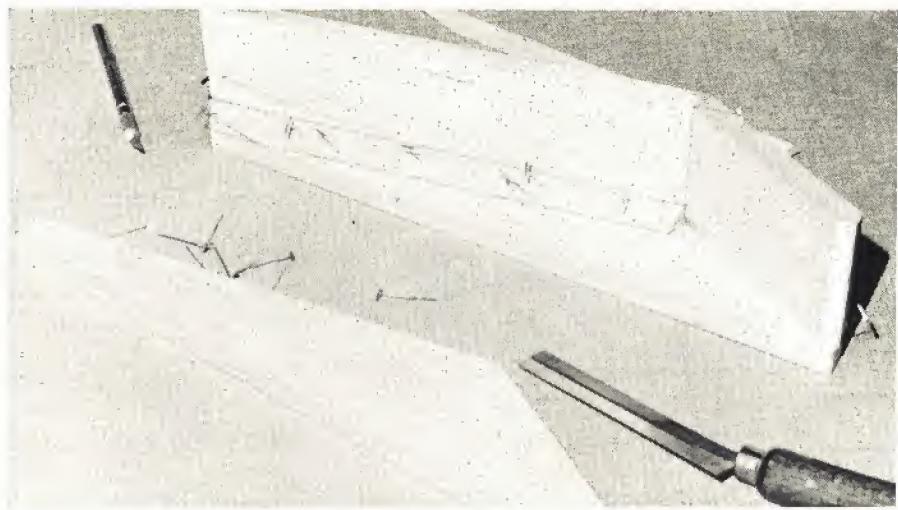
Mother Nature saw fit to prevent any test-flying of Viper No. Two until April Fool's Day. All of us in attendance braved the cold winds, sloshed through the still remaining snow, standing water puddles and sticky mud. It may have been springtime around the country, but here in Wisconsin one would never have known it. A single but brief flight ended the doubts and fears concerning the laminar flow sections!

The model displayed some amazing speeds as it cut through the choppy cold winds, rock-steady! (Something not expected due to the rather sharp leading edges.) The next question was just how fast must this thing be flown in order to bring it down in one piece? The new Black-Head decided to quit when the question cleared my mind; the position the model was in at the time could never have been more dangerous. To make the open part of the field would require a very tight turn as the model's altitude was less than 20 ft. Even the tight turn and stretched-out glide required for the landing proved to be no problem whatsoever, as Viper settled into a snail's pace. Only one flight, and everything learned added up to the black side of the ledger! Speedy, rock-stable, good penetration, ample response in the ailerons with no indication of any tip stalling tendencies at ultra-slow speeds—some display for one flight! As we left the field, the doubts left too.

Considerable testing continued throughout the following weeks; the weather improved slightly. With most any new design not all its characteristics are going to be on the plus side. Viper's only undesirable trait proved to be a slight rolling tendency when yaw control (rudder) was applied. The balance of its performance left little, or nothing, to be desired in pattern maneuvers. Modifications were made on the field to the fin-rudder combination, with little effect. There were of course many comments as to the cause—most cited the airfoil, naturally. (What else?)

I was convinced the cause lay elsewhere, and was willing to modify or try anything, but not the wing sections! The wing, I felt, offered the superior performance in pattern work—too much to give up! In further evaluation flights I concluded the problem lay in the wing dihedral angle. Another model was near completion at this time, and was modified with less angle. In a week testing began again with Viper No. Three and the problem ended. No. Two was then modified and confirmed the results, even though it still wore the modified fin/rudder combination. These models were soon joined by Viper No. Four built by yet another flier. The original Viper No. One (shown at Toledo) awaits this modification before it leaves the ground—another intention?

Lots of flying and competition have done much to really prove the design.

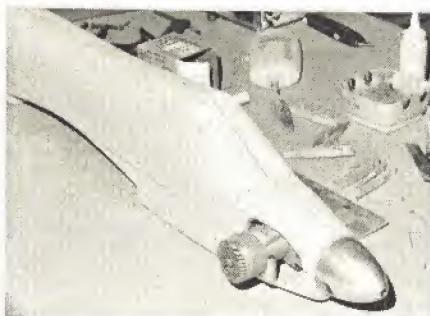
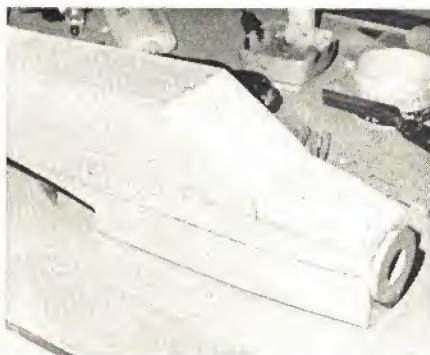


Above: What looks like a canopy is built up of balsa blocks and triangles. Space inside will house battery packs.

Right: Before carving and sanding, fuselages sure look ugly!

Below right: A Viper takes on smooth curves. Fit the engine to aid in shaping the nose.

Below: Vipers 1 and 3 differ in that the latter model has less dihedral. Several have been made by very different builders; all perform the same.

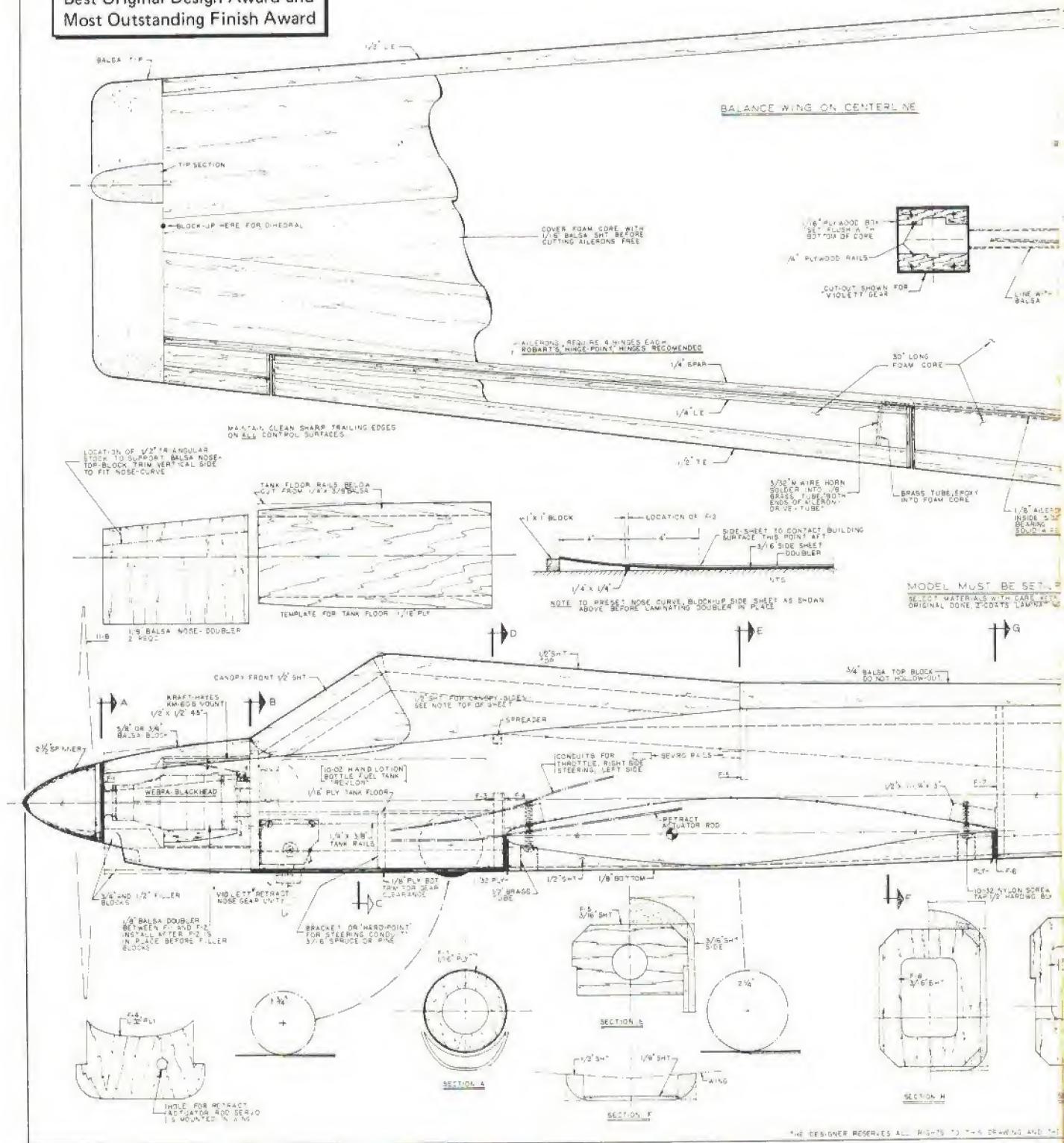


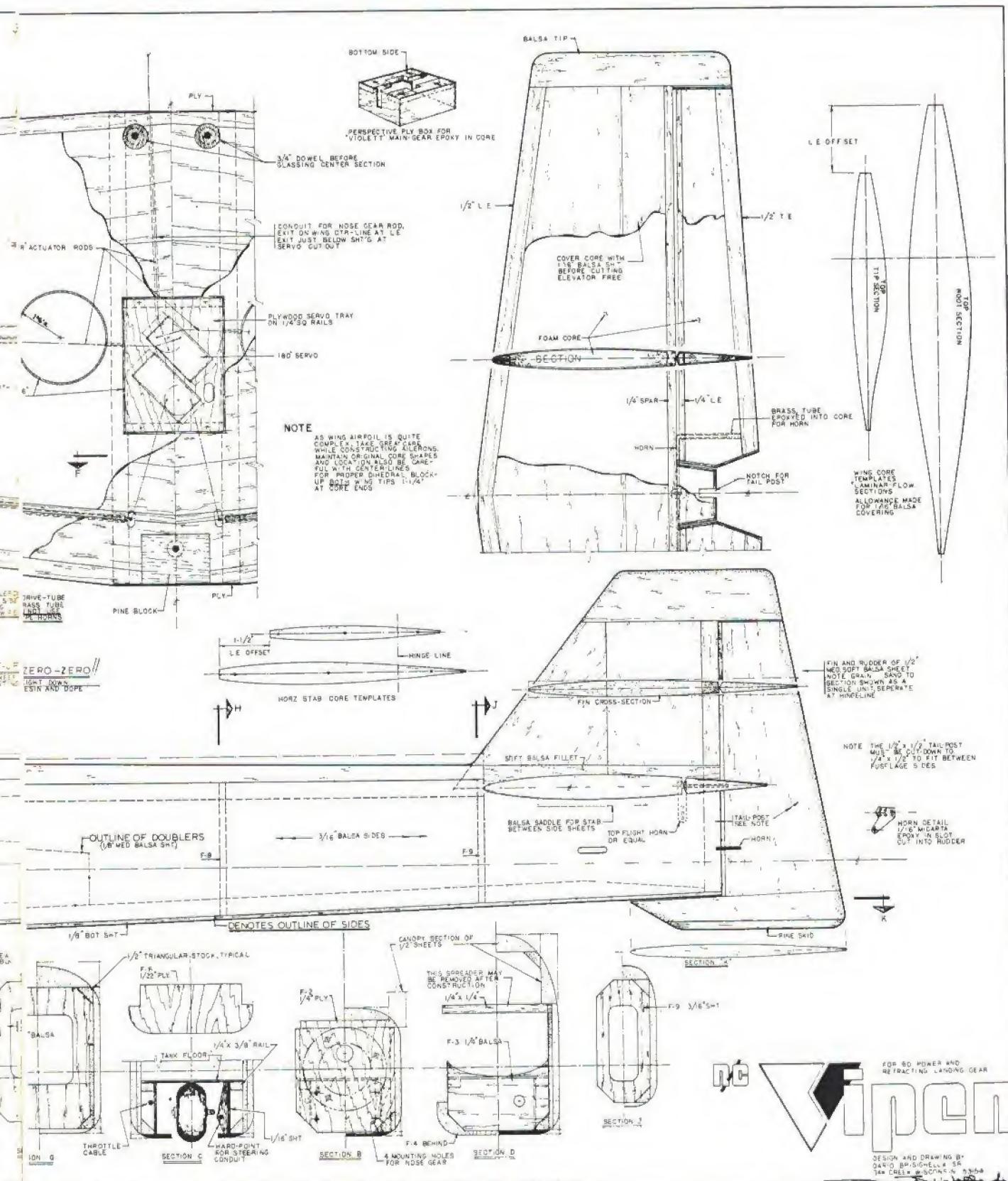
Author with Toledo winnings. Darlo still has not flown the original plane—it is too pretty! The others fly all the time when Darlo is not making helicopters.



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We who have flown the Viper are convinced that the laminar sections do make great difference over the more conventional sections. I claim no knowledge of exactly how these sections join in making Viper the speed demon it is and yet give it the super-stability it has in slow flight. Nor can I explain how it can be so docile and predictable in any maneuver, in most any wind conditions. (It is well suited in choppy crosswinds.)

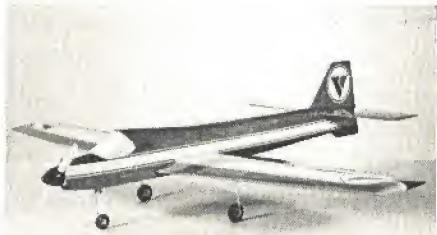
I have designed and flown a few models over the years, but I feel none can begin to compare with Viper's performance. It just must be experienced to be appreciated! The laminar flow wing design does make the difference. A word of caution, however, is in order. Viper requires a little extra space and time in which to burn off some of its speed, so give it a little room. Don't expect it to slow in an instant for those short-field landings.

Rather than bore you or challenge your abilities with pages of construction details, I'll only touch on the subject and pass on a few ideas I use which can be employed on any other model as well. When cutting out the various formers, doublers, fuselage sides, etc., try cutting the templates and, with Sanford's Rubber Cement, cementing directly to the required materials, thereby eliminating the chance of error found in transposition. You can save the original plans by tracing off the various templates onto tracing paper first and cementing these tracings onto the materials. Don't forget the all-important centerlines too!

While on the subject of centerlines, here's a little trick I use. While the paper template is cemented on the work piece, I drill a 1/16" hole through the piece, directly on the centerlines, this way when the template is removed I can locate and scribe the centerlines on both sides of the workpiece with accuracy. In the case of fuselage sides top blocks, etc., even after final shaping and sanding, the centerlines can always be located and described for final alignment and reference. The small holes can be easily filled just before the final finish. Neat?

Performing the required curve of the fuselage sides is a simple task if done while cementing the doublers in place in the laminating process. (See the small sketch on the plans.) The sides are actually over-bent in this case at the start, but when the pressure is released, you'll find the finished curve is just right. The drawings do not show the top-view of the fuselage but this should offer no challenge to those who prefer to build over a drawing. Checking the various cross-sections, you'll find the actual fuselage sides are flat, parallel to each other, across the wing-saddle section to a point mid-way, the fuel tank area. Oh, yes. You'll have to buy the little woman a bottle of hand lotion if you want a fuel tank.

Build the canopy as a complete component, including the triangular stock reinforcements before cementing to the fuselage itself. Any model will fly only as true as it has been built, so watch those centerlines!



At rest on the gear, Viper has that look of ready action. Note the moveable sub-fin. This is most helpful in wingovers.

If you've looked at the drawings at all, you'll be aware that the ailerons and the elevators are actually part of the original foam cores. These make the job a lot easier than it looks. Simply sheet the cores, add and shape the leading and trailing edges, remove the narrow section indicated for the 1/4" spar, which in turn becomes one of the hinge edges. Remove another 1/4" for the other hinge edge of the control surfaces involved and the task is complete. Use the "female" section of the core blocks to retain alignment and don't forget the centerlines! You can save the messy job of cementing the wire horns later by inserting the small section of matching brass tubing into the control surfaces during construction. When assembling the wire horns, simply slip into place without the epoxy messing up your finish. I have made no attempt to shape the ailerons of balsawood, as the shapes involved are too complex. This is how the foam control surfaces came about. I find this method faster and more accurate than any other method, too. Keep the centerline hole idea in mind for the hinge line spars—they do help!

When the model is complete and *all* the equipment is in place, be sure to balance the model along both its longitudinal and lateral axis, don't forget the muffler if you use one. A few regular nails pushed into the left-hand wing panels will overcome the side-mounted engine. The CG as noted on the plans is only my preferred location, and can be used as a starting point for locating your own preference. The originals have been tested with the CG located up to one in. forward and one in. aft of the position shown with no ill effects, though it is more docile when placed as indicated.

If you are looking to me for that all-perfect, award-winning finish in three easy steps, forget it! There is just no easy way! How many others have written about sanding, sanding, and more sanding? To this I can only add: rubbing, rubbing and still even more rubbing! The Toledo model is finished in that "old standby," dope over two coats of laminating resin. This included approximately 50 sheets of assorted wet and dry sandpaper, ten coats of white dope as a base, ten coats of each color of the paint scheme, followed by still another ten coats of clear dope over "The Whole Thing." Between every coat of dope was a lot of wet sanding with 600 grit, then before applying the next coat, the surface was wiped dry with DuPont Prep-Sol to remove any particles of dust, fingerprints, etc.

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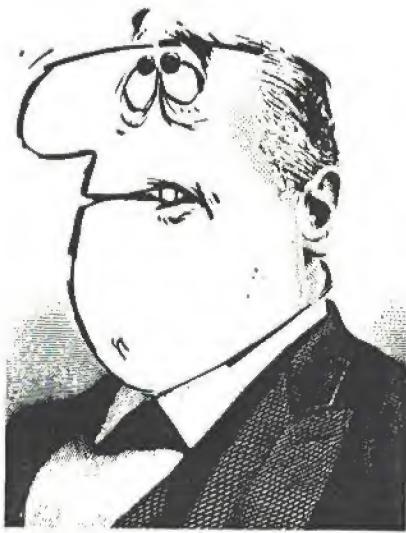
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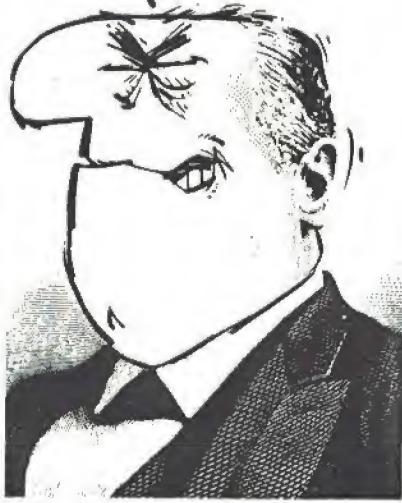
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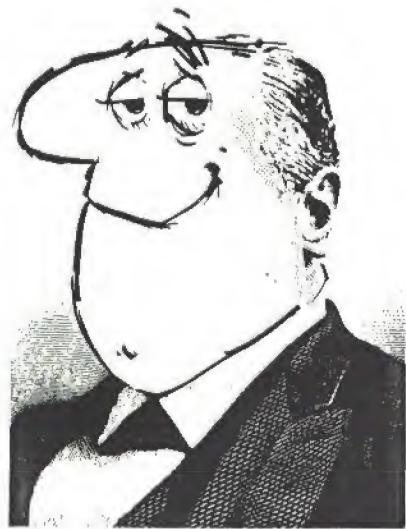
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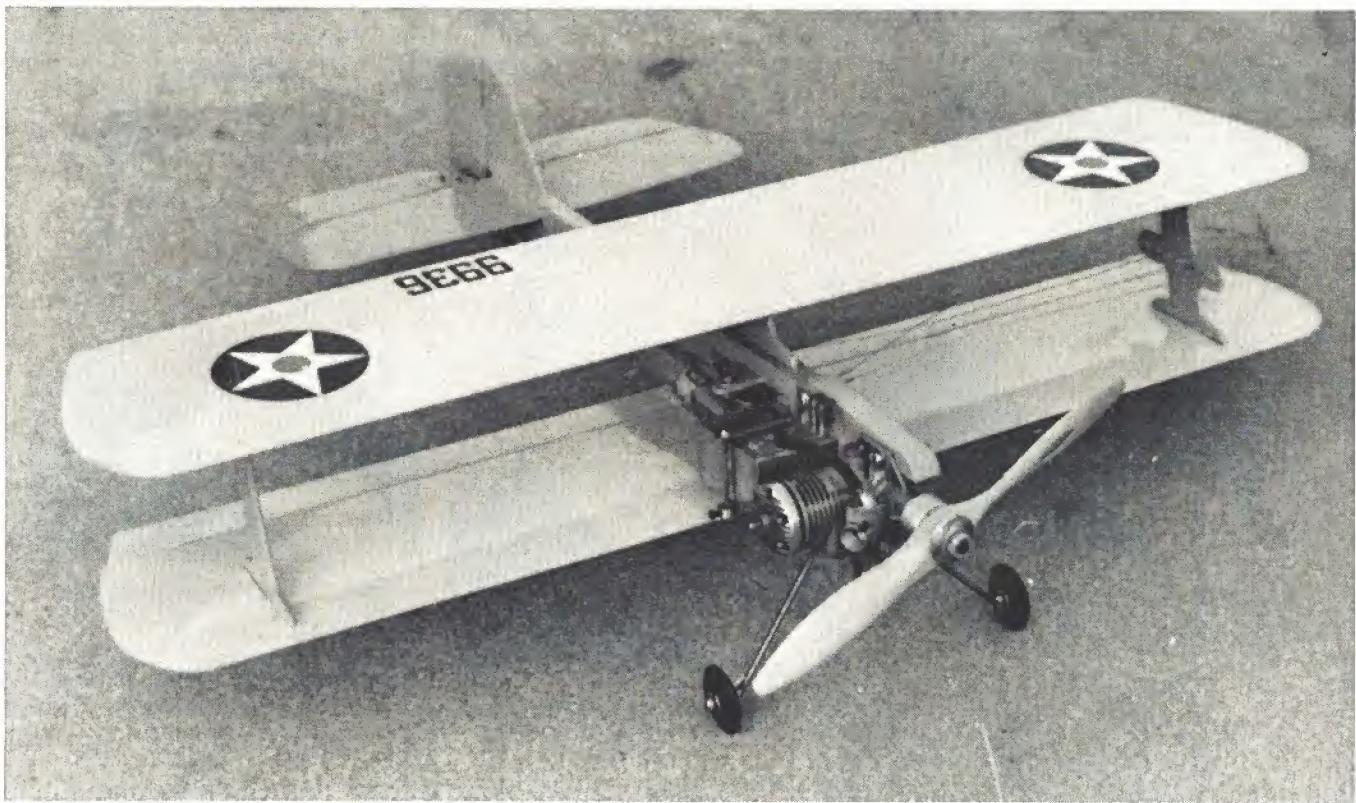


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MO-BIPE

During the 1920s Martin made the MO-1 monoplane which was used as the subject for both a Class I and Class II Navy Carrier ship. The Class I version appeared in the August 1969 issue of *American Aircraft Modeler*. The subject of this article was designed for the Profile Navy Carrier event, and its name was not chosen because Martin made a biplane variant of the MO-1—they didn't. It was chosen because the Bipe retains many of the construction features and the same general appearance of the MO-1.

In an era when the Scale Navy Carrier events were dominated by Guardians, the MO-1 was a most unlikely but highly successful choice for the event. The real airplane was to be a battleship based observation plane in the early 1920s. Only two ever saw Carrier service; an old letter reveals they were not regarded as fit for this service by the Navy. The MO-Bipe may appear an unlikely choice for Profile Carrier, but for a different reason. Most fliers do not normally think of a biplane for a Speed event.

Due to the nature of the rules, the biplane configuration, however unlikely it may seem, offers the very decided advantage of reduced weight and frontal area. A monoplane with a 36-in. span would require about an 8.5 in. chord to

Requirements for Profile Carrier allow non-scale designs.

A biplane can offer several advantages such as reduced weight and frontal area.

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achieve the 300 sq. in. required by the rules. A few airfoil sketches will show that the minimum thickness that will maintain the structural integrity of a built-up wing is about .75 in. This gives a frontal area of about 27 sq. in. A wing this large does not lend itself well to solid construction. The MO-Bipe used two solid, easy to shape wings with a 28 in. span, 5.7 in. chord and .25 in. thickness. These give a total frontal area of 14 + sq. in., or only slightly more than half that of the monoplane. The Bipe will also have a shorter fuselage because of the reduced wing chord. This 15 to 25 percent overall reduction in fuselage dimensions will provide a substantial weight reduction. One last advantage for the biplane is the capability of using full span strip ailerons on the lower wing which eliminates the need for tip

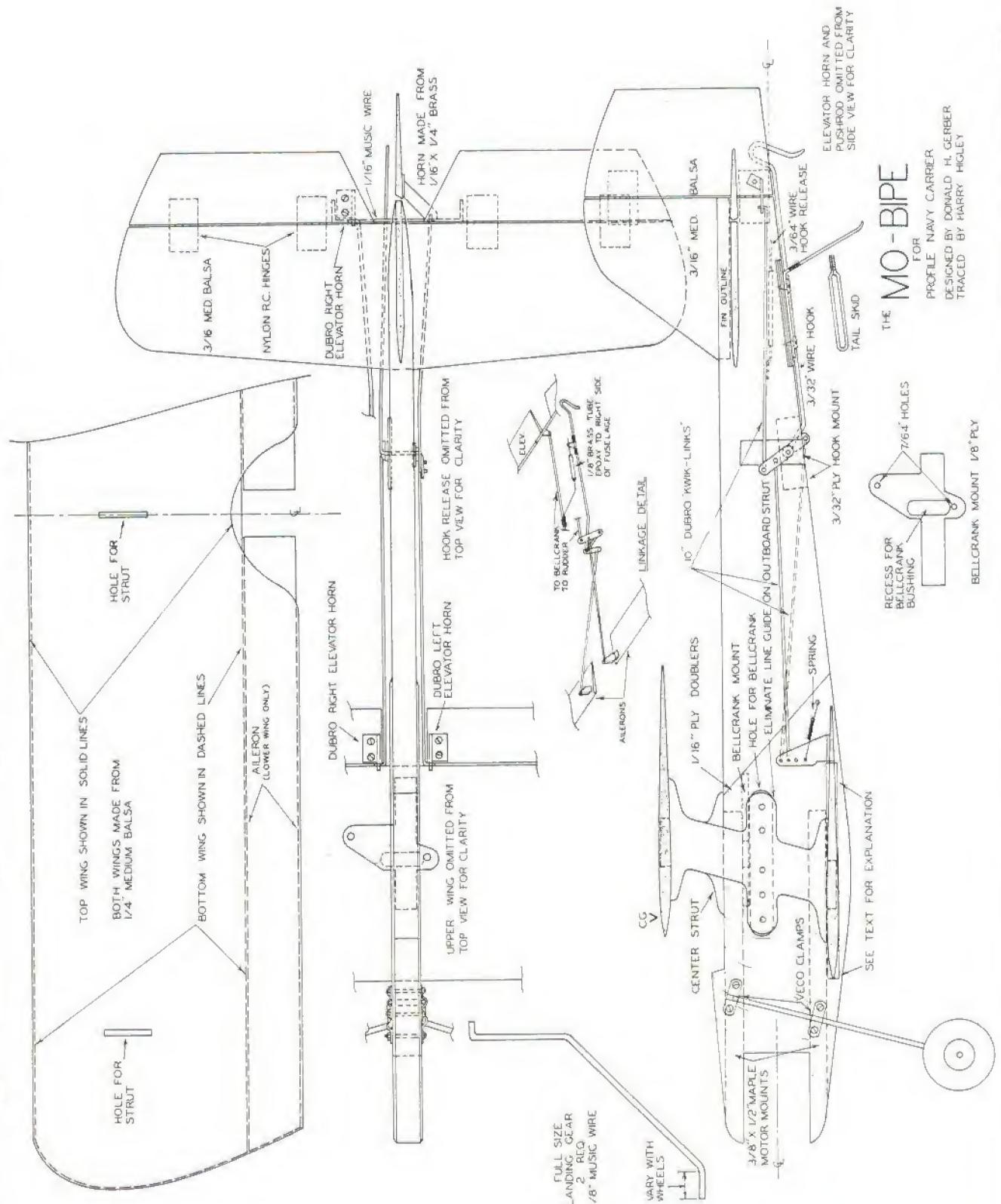
weight, thus saving another ounce. Strip ailerons are easier to install than conventionally placed ailerons, as there is no need for long torque rods or clumsy pushrods. The importance of the working ailerons and rudder cannot be overemphasized. This plane was designed from the ground up for Profile Carrier, but the full potential of the design cannot be realized unless the moveable ailerons and rudder are used.

Unusual construction features shared by the MO-1 and MO-Bipe include solid wings and easy to install semi-enclosed controls. Another common feature is variable sweep line leadouts. The less the lines sweep back, the faster the plane will go. However, the plane will be more likely to come in. By trying different holes in the tip guide, the most favorable line sweep may be found.

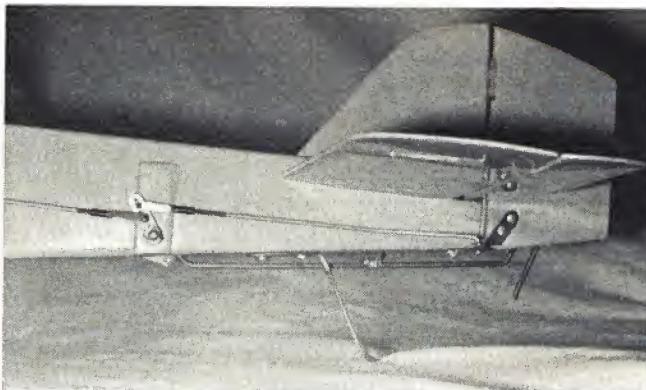
Full credit for the design belongs to Don Gerber. Don and I correspond regularly and this spring he sent some photos of the MO-Bipe and asked if I would be interested in a joint article, as he did not want to devote the large block of time that assembling an article such as this requires.

Construction

The construction procedure was planned to avoid two problems. First, a completely assembled biplane is dif-



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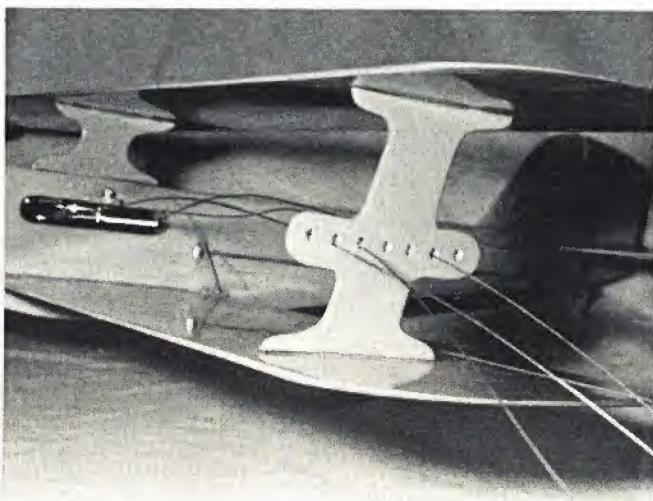
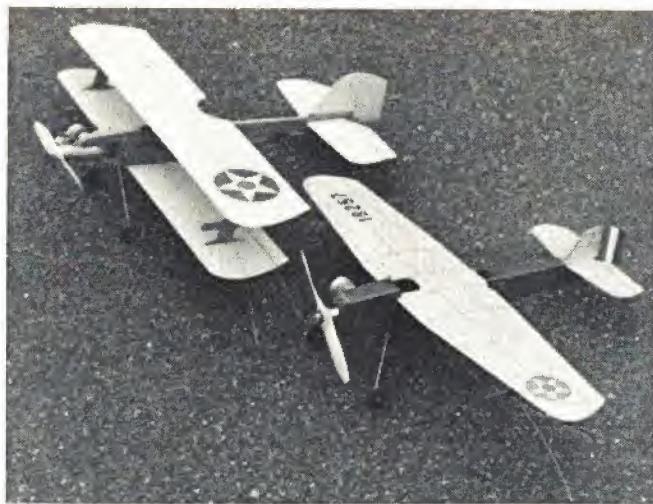
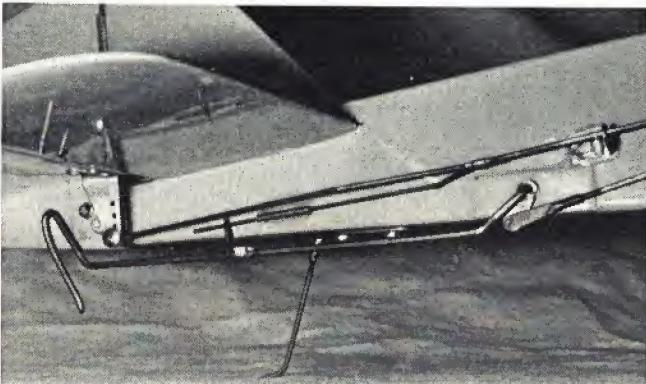


Above: All painting was done with linkages removed. This is also handy when crashes make major adjustments necessary.

Upper right: The MO-Bipe with its predecessor the MO-1, both in pre-WWII markings. Only the MO-1 has scale heritage.

Lower right: Adjustable leadouts provide for windy or calm conditions. Moved forward line tension is less but speed is higher.

Below: Plans show the hook-drop, elevator and aileron systems graphically. Note use of adjustable clevises throughout.



ficult to finish due to the limited space between the two wings. Second, painting after the controls are installed at best will look bad because of partially painted rods and other components; worse yet, the paint may foul the whole system. The strategy employed is to assemble the plane minus the upper wing and struts. The controls are then temporarily installed, checked, adjusted and then removed prior to finishing. The main frame, control surfaces, struts and upper wing are finished separately, and then the whole model is permanently assembled.

To begin with, cut all plywood parts. These include the bellcrank, hook and tail skid mounts, the struts and the plywood fuselage doublers. The doublers should be cut a little oversize as they may not end up in exactly the position they should. The resulting slight overhang is easily trimmed and sanded flush with the fuselage. Drill the required holes in the bellcrank mount, inboard strut, and tail skid mount.

Now is as good a time as any to bend the landing gear, tail skid and hook. Attach the wheels with soldered washers. Attach the tail skid to its mount with No. 6 x 3/8" sheet metal screws. This will facilitate easy removal of the skid for painting and replacement, though the latter will probably never be necessary.

The bellcrank on the J. Roberts unit must be shortened. Notice on this control unit that there are, in addition to the holes provided for the leadouts, two dots indicating alternate leadout positions. Drill at these points, then trim the excess from the bellcrank. Attach the leadout wires. I personally prefer Perfect brand—they are a little stiff, but are strong and solder well. Mount the control unit to the bellcrank mount to verify that the moveable bushing that is recessed into the mount has adequate clearance. Once this is established, remove the control system.

The next operation is fabricating the fuselage. Cut the motor mounts to the correct length. It will hurt nothing to drill 1/4" holes in them from the landing gear mount back; it will save some weight. Glue the bellcrank mount to the upper motor mount. Cut the fuselage from 1/2" sheet balsa. Choose this piece of wood carefully as a heavy sheet adds nothing but weight. Cut all slots including the bellcrank hole, except the one for the lower wing which will be cut after the doublers are installed. Cut the recesses for the hook mounts and the tail skid mount, and glue these in place. Glue the motor mounts in position. Notice on the plans that there is a piece of 1/2" wood on the top of the upper mount. Cut this from a scrap and glue it in place. The doublers may be attached

with contact cement or Titebond. If the latter is used, clamp between blocks, remove any excess glue with a wet rag, and allow to dry overnight.

After the fuselage assembly dries, it is convenient to drill holes for the motor, tank, hook and landing gear. If a drill press is used, it will be necessary to hold the fuselage on the block of wood so that the bellcrank mount clears the table. Trim the excess from the fuselage doublers and sand these even with fuselage.

Now the slot for the lower wing may be sawed. Hold the fuselage on a couple of blocks so the bellcrank mount clears the jigsaw table. The slot should be 1/4" and not the shape of the airfoil. The lower wing is left with a rectangular cross section where it intersects the fuselage. There are two reasons for this. First, it is difficult to cut a hole that will mate well with the airfoil. Second, sliding the fuselage onto the wing would surely nick and gouge the wing if the slot was a snug fit. Attach the landing gear.

The wings are made from 1/4 x 6" medium sheet balsa and are no more difficult to shape than a wing for a hand launched glider. Draw parallel lines on the top and bottom of each wing 1.75" from the leading edge and 2.5" from the

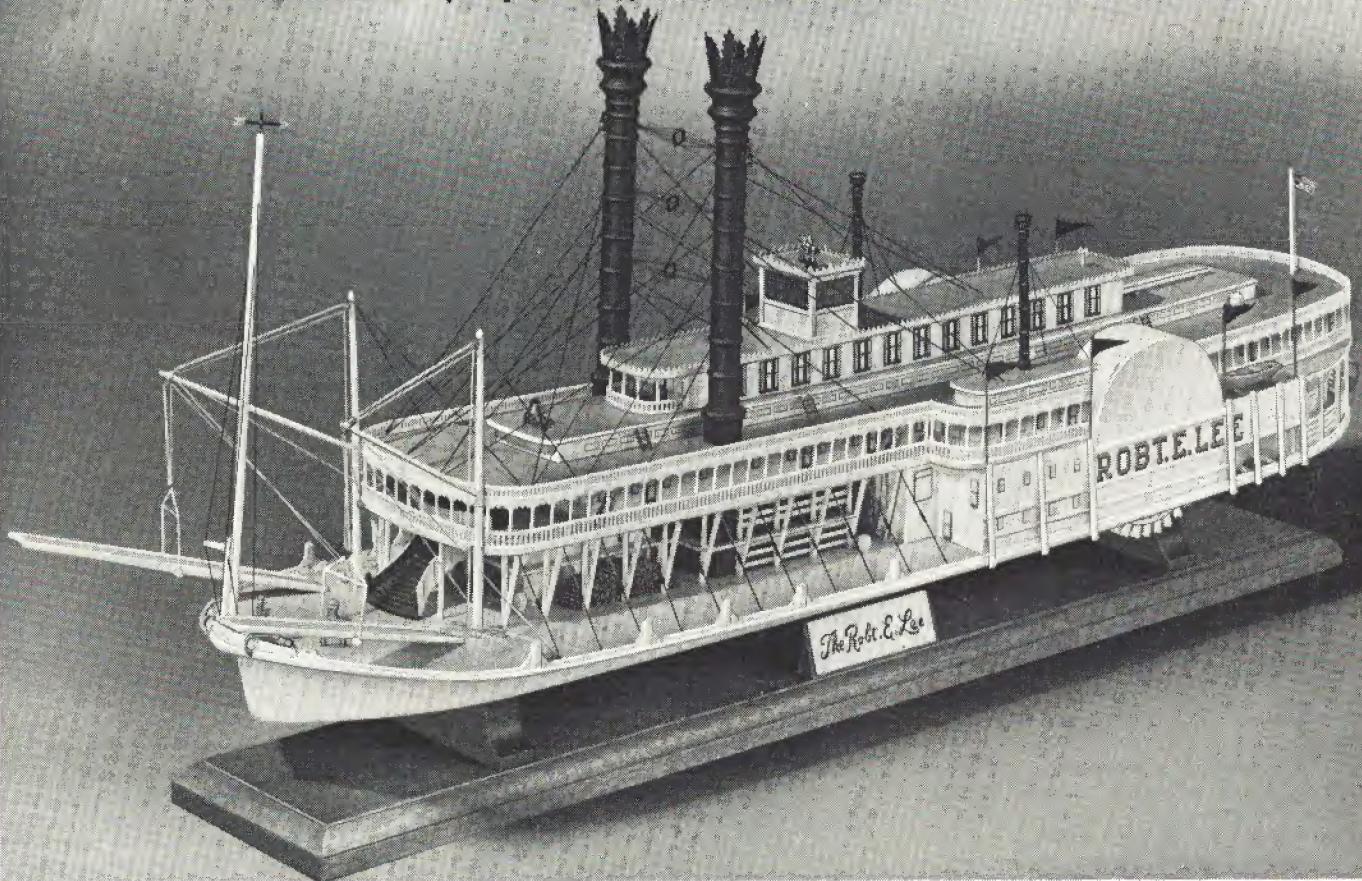
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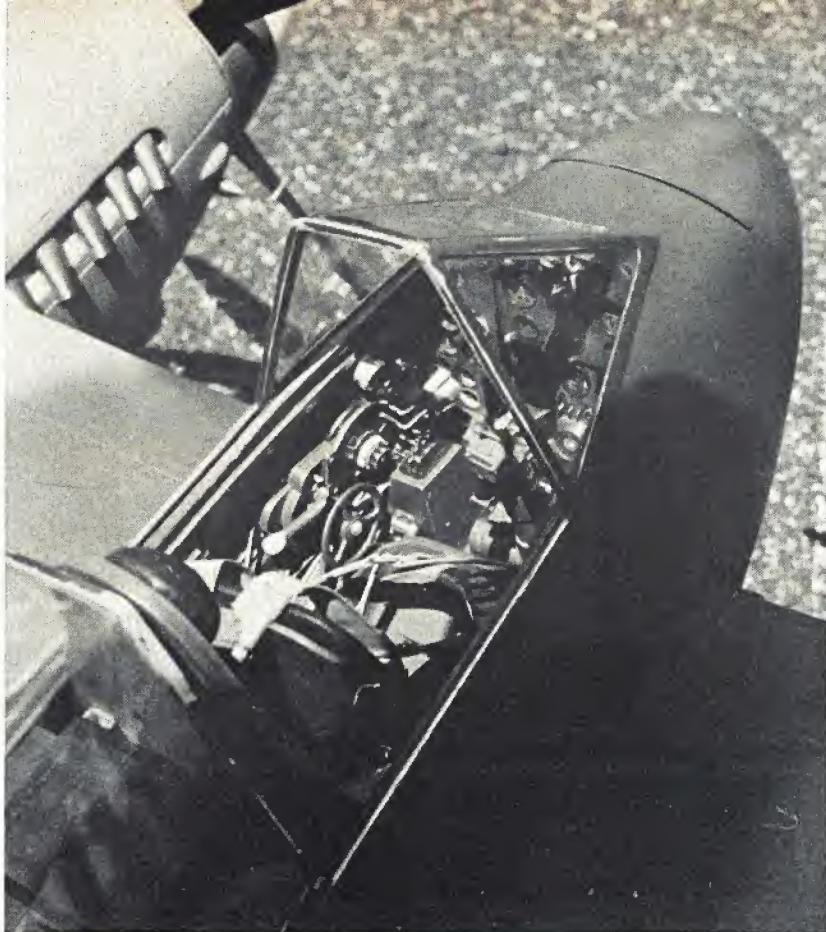
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Scale World Championships

The team to represent the United States was selected at the 1971 Nats and included the top three winners in Control Line and RC Scale. For Control Line these were: Malvin Meador, Lexington Park, Md.; Mike Stott, Montezuma, Iowa; and Ralph Burnstine, Danville, Ill. For RC: Maxey Hester, Montezuma, Iowa; Bob Wischer, Delafield, Wisc.; and John Roth, Smithtown, N.Y. Team manager was Hale Wallace, Johnson City, N.Y. The team was accompanied by Control Line judge Andy Sheber, Livonia, Mich. Arrangement for transportation was made by the A.M.A. from New Jersey to Frankfurt, Germany where the team was met by Betty Roth, Charlotte Wallace, Dolly Wischer, Cathy Meador, and supporter Bob Elliott.

Two days were spent at Frankfurt, Germany to give the team members an opportunity to become accustomed to the time change and to rest before beginning the 600 mile trip to Toulouse, France, where the Scale Internats was to be held. Within minutes after our arrival at Frankfurt, we were met by two Ger-

Detail required for world level competition in CL or RC Scale is illustrated in photo above. Some instruments even work! U.S. teams placed 1st in RC and 4th in CL.

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man scale modelers, Bruno Klupp, who was a member of the German team, and Walter Reger. They brought a car and truck to solve our transportation problem for the six large model boxes and luggage. This was followed by an invitation from Bruno to visit his home where we spent an afternoon enjoying true German hospitality and browsing through his large, well-equipped workshop.

Bruno also arranged for our rental of

three Volkswagen Microbusses to be used for the trip to France. Imagine our surprise to find a Doylestown bumper sticker on one of them. With our model boxes crammed into two of the busses, along with luggage, and eight people in the other bus, we set forth for Toulouse. With the excellent navigation of Bob Elliott, we arrived two days later without becoming separated, in spite of having to contend with the heavy traffic of the peak continental vacation season.

At Toulouse we were provided quarters in a five-story dormitory at the E.N.A.C. Civil Flying School, just across the road from the airport which had a single runway and a large, smoothly paved control line circle. The models were placed on display in the school gymnasium—also the site for the static judging.

While judging proceeded quite rapidly, it was not without incident, as numerous modelers questioned the judges' interpretation of rules. The models of the Polish team were delayed in arrival from Paris and made their appearance after most of the judging had been com-

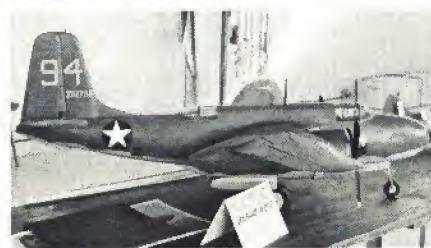


Dr. Jost Amman (left) with his Fairey Swordfish Mk.2. Same plane as flown in 1970 with much added detail. Placed fourteenth in RC.

Jacques Matter of France placed eighth in CL. DeHavilland Dragon Rapide with twin 19 engine.



U.S. Team Control Line entry of Ralph Burnstine, Douglas A-20G.



pleted. After their planes were judged, the U.S. and British teams were taken on a tour of the Sud Aviation factory where Concorde, Caravelles, and the new European Air Busses are under construction. The first roll-out of the Air Bus occurred minutes after our arrival.

Flying in the extreme heat of southern France proved to be quite hazardous, especially for those of us who come from cooler climates. On the day before flying began, Heinz Simon damaged his first place winning Messerschmitt Me-163 but it was completely repaired for his first flight. Incidentally, his plane is not taxied for takeoff. It is pulled into position by a radio controlled tractor. The engine is then started and the landing gear is jettisoned immediately after takeoff. Flight is very fast, resembling a high performance pattern ship. The engine is stopped on a belly skid.

Michael Reeves of England, the only contestant to fly both Control Line and RC, damaged both planes on their first flights. His CL entry, a Zlin Akrobat was not flown again, but his Cassutt Racer RC reappeared the next day with a rebuilt wing to take ninth place. Roy Yates had his Percival Proctor wiped out midway through its first flight. Bob Wischer's Emeraude snap rolled unexpectedly on takeoff but fortunately landed in a low tree. He spent the afternoon repairing a damaged wing and came back to place seventh. His one good flight was enough to give the U.S. RC team first place.

Maxey Hester with his well-proven Ryan ST Special did his usual superb job of flying. One of Simon's flights received a higher score than Maxey. John Roth had built a third Volksplane for the World Championship and this proved to be a wise choice, for in the

static event it was second by only 3½ points. With his strong background of experience flying this plane he finished in a tie for fourth place. In conjunction with Maxey's third place this made the U.S. team the one to beat.

Tied with Roth was our friend Bruno Klupp, flying his Piper Cherokee Arrow. Again it was evident that a well-tried plane had the edge in flying. Bruno's Piper had a new wing to give the plane a performance similar to a pattern ship. A small sacrifice in static points for the non-scale airfoil paid dividends in flight. Third man on the German team was Franz Ebermayr flying a North American T-28B. His flying was of high quality and consistent but placed eighth because of a low static score. Given more time to add details this plane will do better, and could easily have put the German team in first place.

If there was a popular favorite among the modelers, it would be Terry Melleney and his deHavilland 94 Moth Minor. The airplane was as detailed as possible, with wings that folded along the fuselage. Its flight was realistically slow, the maneuvers done with precision at low altitude. The plane had highest static points, flew consistently, but apparently did not succeed in dazzling the judges. Terry placed second in the individual standings.

After the static judging we were told that our models could remain in the school gymnasium and a wall receptacle was available for battery charging. The Swedish and Swiss teams used this receptacle and found, the next day, that when the lights were turned off, their battery chargers were also disconnected. As a result they lost their chance to fly under calm conditions in the first round. Later flights had windier conditions.



Scandinaviska BHT-1 placed fifteenth in RC, flown by Swedish team member John Lyrzell, Digiflex radio.

Leonid Barsukov, U.S.S.R. Control Line Team member flew Ilyouchine Stormovik. Highest flight score.



Jan Levenstam's SE-5 flew well enough to make tenth place, moving up from last place in the static standings. Also from Sweden, Jack Stromqvist flew a surprising P-51D Mustang. Everyone expected it to fly like the usual bomb, but it was flown very slowly, with almost no forward speed at touchdown.

From Switzerland came two beautiful biplanes, a Polikarpov Po2 by Werner Ruegger and a Fairey Swordfish Mk2 by Dr. Jost Amman. Ruegger did very well to finish sixth with a biplane. Both benefitted by the complexity factor in static scoring.

In Control Line the Poles and Russians battled for first place in the team standings, with Poland the winner. The Poles had good reason to be disturbed by the late appearance of their models for the scale judging as they were top contenders. The first place winner deHavilland Hornet of Jerzy Ostrowski was the same plane flown at the previous championship. In spite of its exposed engines it was judged best in the static event. The plane is very light for its twin 61 Mercos and the result is a truly aerobatic ship. Retract gear adds to realism. Its cockpit detail is as good as any seen at Toulouse, including some working instruments. Second in static as well as total standings was another Pole, Lech Podgorski, flying an Ilyouchine 11 2m3. This plane also had an exposed engine, but an extension shaft moved the engine rearward so that very little was visible. While Ostrowski managed his win with only one flight, Podgorski made all three flights and his third was best. The third member of the Polish team had also been a team competitor in 1970. Andrzej Uminski had a new plane, a Yakowlev YAK 18PS. A combination of mediocre flights and static score kept him to tenth place, but high



Cathy and Mal Meador prepare Mal's Spitfire Mk IIA. Seventh place in CL.



North American T-28B. Eighth in RC. West German entry by Franz Ebermayr.



Robert Lestournaud guides the deHavilland of Terry Melleny during a takeoff under windy conditions.

Control Line Brochet MB110 by Roland Barboyon of France.



Polikarpov Po-2 finished sixth in RC flown by Werner Ruegger of Switzerland.



Mike Stott prepares Meyers 145. Colin Jones at left. Flaps, retract gear, Ross twin 60 power.



First place Control Line winner deHavilland DH 103 Hornet Mk 3 by Jerzy Ostrowski of Poland. Had retract gear, rockets.



Spectacular paint job on CAP 10B by Rene Fouquereau of France. Sixteenth place in RC.

Piper Cherokee Arrow by German Bruno Klupp. Same plane as in 1970 meet with new wing. Tied for fourth. Flies like Pattern ship.



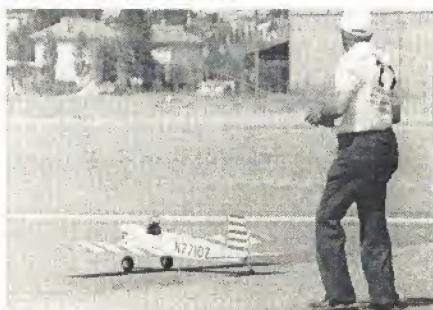
Andrzej Uminski of Poland with CL Yakowlev YAK 18 PS.



Maxey Hester has Ryan ST in takeoff position. Hale Wallace, team manager, follows.



John Roth tied for fourth place with his Evans Volksplane. Northfield Ross Twin 60 engine and Kraft radio.



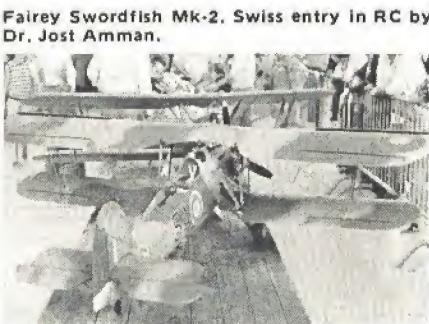
enough to secure first place for the team.

New to World Championship competition was the team from the U.S.S.R. While none had spectacular scores, they managed a respectable second place in the team standings because of their consistency. In fifth place, Arkadij Chaevsky flew an Antonov AN-2 agricultural biplane. The plane was obviously old, as the fabric cover was checked and cracked. Possibly the judges regarded this as intentional since the plane was third in static. In sixth place was Leonid Barsukov, with the highest flight score of the meet, flying an Illyuchine Stormovik II-2. The plane had a finish that was too glossy and suffered from a very low complexity score. Boris Krasnorutsky's Petlyakov PE-2 bomber finished in ninth place.

Mike Stott was the highest scoring U.S. entry placing fourth in static and final standings. Mike flew a Meyers 145 with Rom-Air retracts that were made to operate slowly for greater realism. Operational flaps and a wealth of detail—both external and cockpit—helped his score. Like most U.S. entries his photo and drawing presentation was complete. While the rules limit the quantity of photos, the judges were permitting any



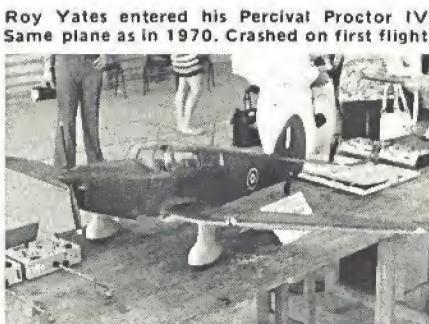
Ryan ST by Colin Jones, South Africa. Model built in 14 weeks. Fourth place in Static event, eleventh place in total standings.



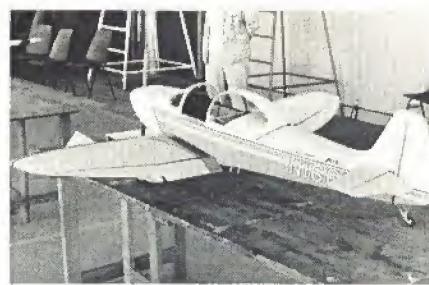
Fairey Swordfish Mk-2. Swiss entry in RC by Dr. Jost Amman.



Miles Magister Control Line entry of British contestant Michael Staples.



Roy Yates entered his Percival Proctor IV. Same plane as in 1970. Crashed on first flight.



Seventh place Emeraude RC by Bob Wischer. 9½ lb. Ross 60 engine, Royal radio. Crashed on first flight, repaired to continue flying.



DeHavilland Tiger Moth placed tenth in CL for Derek Goddard of England.



Two years old and still going strong, Ryan ST of third place winner Maxey Hester, who has flown in all three World Championships for U.S.



Antonov AN-2 by Arkadij Chaevsky of U.S.S.R. placed fifth in CL.



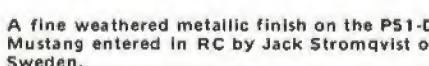
Messerschmitt Me-163 B1 German RC team entry by Heinz Simon. First place. Towed to takeoff by tractor, landed on belly skid with dead engine.



Terry Melleny and Roy Yates with Terry's deHavilland Moth Minor. Wing is in the folded position.



Finely detailed cockpit of Mick Reeves Zlin. Contains controls, first aid kit, legend plates.



A fine weathered metallic finish on the PS1-D Mustang entered in RC by Jack Stromqvist of Sweden.



The U.S. RC team planes. L to R: Maxey Hester's Ryan ST, John Roth's Volksplane, Bob Wischer's Emeraude.



Highest scoring of the French modelers was Claude Faix, whose Amiot 144M was the smallest of the meet. He made only one flight, with a high score and then retired, satisfied that it could not be improved. His static score was helped considerably by a high complexity factor. A DH 89a deHavilland Dragon Rapide by Jacques Matter and a Brochet MB110 by Roland Barboyon rounded out the French team.

Two years ago Mick Reeves was World Control Line Champ with his Zlin



Left: Cockpit of Derek Goddard's deHavilland Tiger Moth. Highly detailed with longons and stringers visible, horizontal compasses, controls and fire extinguisher.

Below left: Heinz Simon uses electric starter on his Messerschmitt. First place in RC.

Above: Bruno Klupp of Germany with his RC Piper Cherokee Arrow. Flaps, retracts, complete interior. Tied for fourth.

Below: Heat was the enemy of Ralph Burnstine and his CL Douglas A-20G. Made only one flight because of engine problems.



RC STATIC RESULTS

Place	Name/Nation	Fidelity	Craftsmanship	Complexity	Total
1.	Mellaney/U.K.	1125	996.5	258.5	2,380
2.	Roth/U.S.A.	1104	1048	224.50	2,376.50
3.	Wischer/U.S.A.	1021	967	284	2,272
4.	Jones/R.S.A.	988	896.5	376	2,260.50
5.	Klupp/Germany	1003.5	893	287	2,183.5
6.	Simon/Germany	985	867	260	2,112
7.	Ruegger/Switz.	966.1	792.5	336	2,094.6
8.	Reeves/U.K.	1066	730	236	2,032
9.	Hester/U.S.A.	875	731	377	1,983
10.	Yates/U.K.	952.5	715	229.5	1,897.5

RC COMPETITION FLIGHTS INTERNATIONAL TEAM CLASSIFICATION

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	Total
United States	5745	5365.5	5184	16,294.5
Germany	5898	5365.5	4840	16,103.5
United Kingdom	5750	4527	3053	13,330

CL STATIC RESULTS

Place	Name/Nation	Fidelity	Craftsmanship	Complexity	Total
1.	Ostrowsky/Poland	1005.5	1004.5	399.5	2,449.5
2.	Podgorski/Poland	984	992	331	2,307
3.	Chaeovsky/U.S.S.R.	972	986	347	2,305
4.	Stott/U.S.A.	984	963.5	246.5	2,194
5.	Faix/France	880.5	897	393	2,170.5
6.	Reeves/U.K.	933	894	310	2,137
7.	Meador/U.S.A.	844	874.5	260.5	1,979
8.	Matter/France	828.5	773	376	1,977.5
9.	Goddard/U.K.	890	767.5	266	1,923.5
10.	Uminski/Poland	857	784.5	260.5	1,902

CL COMPETITION FLIGHTS INTERNATIONAL TEAM CLASSIFICATION

Poland	4120.5	3897	2801	10,818.5
U.S.S.R.	3643	3397	3154	10,194
France	3828.5	2935.5	2746.5	9,510.5

Akrobat. At Toulouse the model was sixth in static scoring which could have given him a second shot at the title. After his accident on the first flight, he apparently decided in favor of the Cassutt in RC and this meant that the U.K. Control Line team could do no better than fifth and last place. The Miles Magister of Mike Staples fell almost a thousand points behind the leader in static, an impossible lead to overcome. Derek Goddard's deHavilland Tiger Moth finished in tenth place. In Control Line flying it would appear that the reign of the United Kingdom was over.

Most impressive was the intensity of the modeling fervor of contestants. An example is Colin Jones of Rhodesfield Kempton Park in South Africa. Colin received the trophy for having come the longest distance, but this was the least of his achievements. In just fourteen weeks Colin duplicated Maxey Hester's Ryan ST, well enough to place fourth in static. He slept only four hours each night, and then couldn't sleep because of his total involvement in the construction. His business came to a halt. He was constantly under the watchful eye of the modeling organization. There was no time to become fully familiar with the plane before his arrival at Toulouse. On his third and final flight he succeeded in getting the model into the air and completed a flight, even making a respectable landing, which he never saw, because he collapsed there on the runway. Being an extrovertive sort of person who could be putting on an act, there was no immediate reaction. His wife knew that it was not an act. Colin must be the most intensely enthusiastic RC modeler in the world. When we saw him the next morning he was leaving for a holiday in England, only slightly subdued.

Some additional thoughts about the contest: Flying Control Line and RC at the same time made an impossible situation for our busy team manager, Hale Wallace, and the same must have been true for the other managers. With proper organization these events could have alternated so that everyone could see both.

Crowd control could have been better. The Control Line fliers' lines were constantly being stepped on by people who should not have been near. The press had to pay for arm bands, and then found that anyone could get in to take pictures. It is probably unfair to compare with the superb organization at Doylestown.

On the plus side, the accommodations and flying site were the best seen anywhere. Weather was good for scale model flying. The dinner following the meet was in a beautiful setting, the modelers having the greatest time drinking from their trophies until four in the morning, toasting themselves and their rivals.

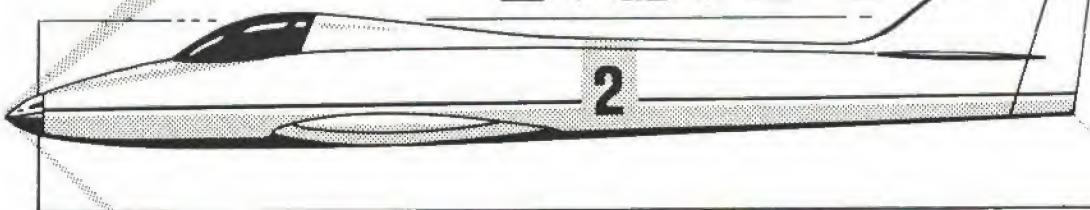
On Monday morning we said our goodbyes in the dormitory and at breakfast in the cafeteria. We had made many new friends and the memories would be a part of our lives.

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The wing is really the only part of the model that takes any time to build, but that figures because the wing makes up practically the whole airplane. To start with, select a couple of nice pieces of 1/32 sheet C-grain balsa. All surfaces of the wing will be made from these two pieces. The two sheets will be one of two-in. width and one of three-in. width. Make sure they are fairly light.

It is a normal airplane with a unique shape.
In flight it looks like a donut.

JOEL RIEMAN

When the wood has been selected, trace the wing patterns on some typing paper. Next make the wing tips. Place the wing patterns on the wood—the wing tips on the two-in. wide piece and the wing center sections on the three-in. piece of wood. After the wing tips are made, make the wing center sections. When all of the wing is cut out, take one of the wing center section pieces and as on the plan cut off the elevator piece. Make sure the grain goes the right way.

Now that the wing is entirely cut out, you are ready to assemble it. Pin

down the wing center section pieces and then glue up the wing tips on each side.

When all the pieces are cut out, the wing is ready to be glued together. Pin down the wing center section pieces and then glue up the wing tips on each side. Each tip is to be raised up $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. Double glue the pieces before permanently gluing them by rubbing some glue in the porous areas of the wood and letting dry, then gluing them together. It will be much stronger if glued this way.

After the wing tips dry, glue the elevator on the same way with its back raised up $1/8$ " for lift as shown on the plan. After all parts of the wing are dry, put a couple of thin coats of glue around the joints for strength.

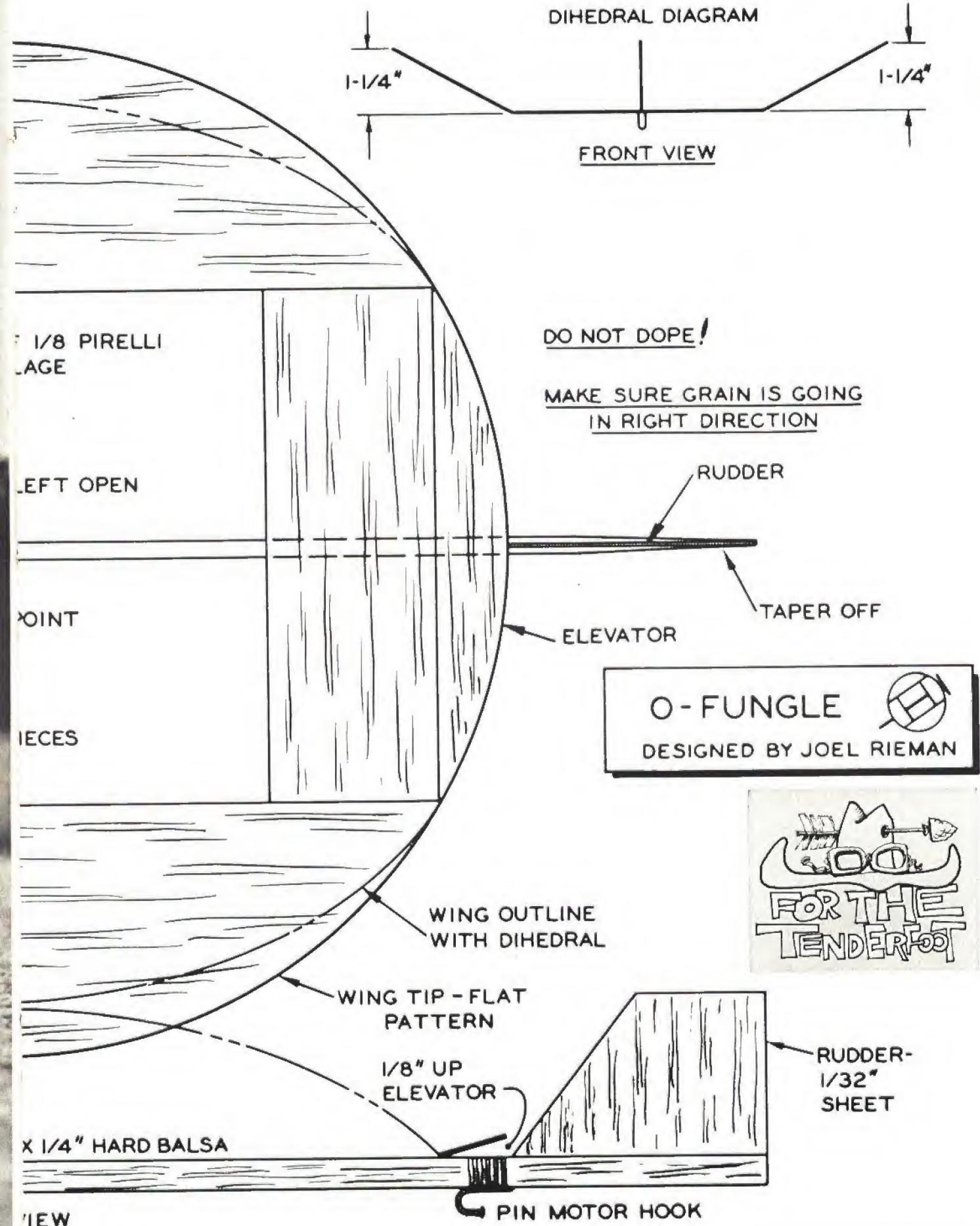
Now recheck your wing and make sure everything has been done in accordance with the directions and the plan.

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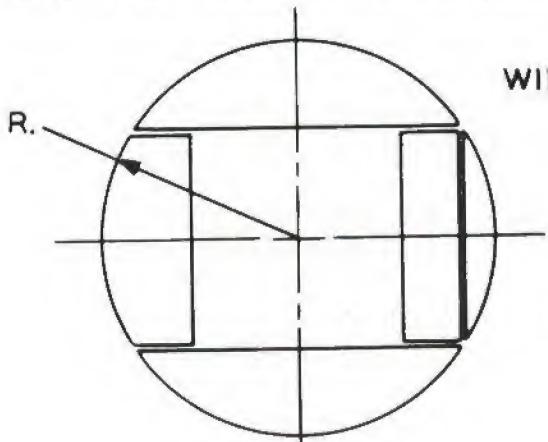
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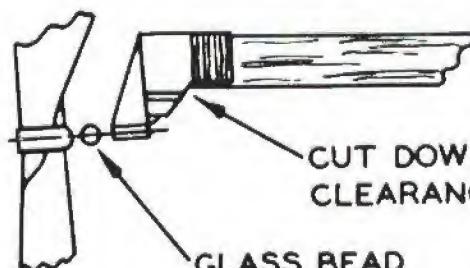
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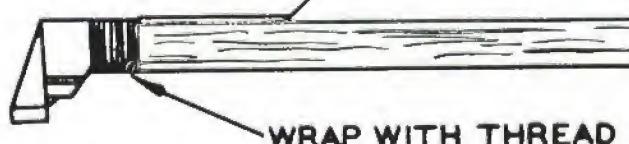
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The fuselage and rudder are quite simple to construct. The fuselage is simply a piece of $1/8 \times 1/4$ hard balsa. After you have picked a nice piece of wood for the fuselage look at the plan and cut the fuselage stick down to size. Now sand in a rounded shape to the bottom of the fuselage for more streamlined flight, though it is not really necessary.

Taper off the back of the fuselage past the motor hook shown on the plan, making sure you don't taper it too much. Cut a rudder out of the $1/32$ sheet by first making a pattern like you did with the wing and using it to cut out the rudder piece.

You are now ready to put the motor hook in. Simply take a pin and bend it to the shape on the plan with a pair of needle nose pliers. When you have the motor hook bent, stick it into the fuselage in the position shown on the plan. Make sure that you do not put the pin back any further because it could cause the fuselage to snap in half when winding. With the pin in place, wrap it with thread and put a thin coat of glue around the thread.

The prop assembly is the next step. Buy a 29-cent Sleek Streak and get the prop out of that. Before installing, you must make a couple of provisions. First, get some wire cutters and cut off the prop shaft because it is too small. Now out of $1/32$ music wire make a new prop shaft, following the diagram on the plan. Take the plastic nose piece and cut off the portion shown on the plan for clearance. Slip the new prop shaft through the nose piece and then put on a small plastic bead to keep the prop from hitting the nose of your model. Now slip the prop on the prop shaft and bend the end of the prop shaft over to hold on the prop. Make sure you don't bend it all the way around the side of the prop as then it won't be free-wheeling. Now put a little glue in the nose piece and slip on the fuselage. Wrap thread around the nose just as you did on the motor hook, and put a coat of glue around it.

There really isn't much to the assembly, except gluing on the wing and the

rudder. To glue on the wing, put a little glue on the wing and the fuselage and double glue as you did in making the wing. When the wing is dry on the fuselage, glue the rudder on and you will be finished.

Flying

The first thing you have to do is get your model balanced. Hold the plane by the edges of the wing in line with the balance point indicated on the plan. Do this by putting clay on the nose until it balances level.

Now check and see if there are any warps in your model. Make sure there are none before you start flying your model because it will cause it to fly out of control.

After you are sure it has no warps, start test gliding it. Your model should need a little clay on the nose to keep it from stalling. It is unlikely, but if your model dives, take a little clay off the nose or if it has no clay on the nose give it a little more up elevator. You should have no problems getting it to fly if it is built properly. If your model dives to the side in a sharp turn, carefully bend the rudder the opposite way or put a small typing paper tab on your rudder to help it turn. If it just turns one way a little too sharply, put a little clay on the opposite wing.

To power your model use $1/8$ Pirelli, or $1/8$ brown rubber. If Pirelli, is used you can get more power into your flights. $1/8$ Pirelli rubber can be obtained in packs of 15 ft. for 81 cents (that includes postage and tax) from W.C. Hannan Graphics, P.O. Box A, Escondido, Calif. 92025. Make one loop as long as the fuselage, and lubricate with a mix of $\frac{1}{2}$ green soap and $\frac{1}{2}$ glycerin. This will allow you to give it more winds and it will give the rubber a longer life. Before you fly it you can oil the prop shaft to let the prop turn more freely. A good $1/16$ ratio winder will make the job a lot easier. A Marlow winder can be obtained from your local hobby shop. Now try some power flights. Make an adjustment on every flight.



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AN RC RPV

Early in 1971, I received a call from old-time modeler Bob Palmer who works for the Lockheed California Co. They were undertaking a program of research on remote piloted vehicles (RPVs) as potential combat vehicles. For government oriented research, it was a very low budget effort.

As a feasibility demonstration, they proposed to undertake an approximate 1/10 scale flight demonstration program to learn more about the capabilities, and limitations, of RPVs. How precisely can the flight path be controlled? Is air-to-air combat feasible, or would the initial target acquisition be too difficult? And a lot of other questions.

Lockheed had earlier developed a small, lightweight experimental TV camera, and a matching lightweight transmitter. So, the idea emerged—mount the camera and transmitter in a radio-controlled airplane, and try to fly the airplane entirely by reference to the picture transmitted by the camera to a monitor screen receiver installed inside a mobile van.

Lockheed's first and most basic test of the remotely piloted vehicle used a large RC model.

KEN WILLARD

Bob called me, on behalf of the program manager, to inquire about the availability of a couple of Wavemasters, the amphibian six ft. RC airplane which I had designed and which is produced in kit form by King R/C Distributors.

We talked about the problems—space envelope, weight and balance, power requirements, structural beefups. The Wavemaster is designed to fly at weights ranging from eight to nine lbs. in normal use. With the TV camera installed (including transmitter and power pack), it would have to fly at around 15 lbs., according to original estimates. Actually, by the time all the modifications

were added, the flying weight turned out to be closer to 20 lbs.!

At the time of Bob's call, I had just completed most of the flight test program on the Wavemaster and had two prototypes available. As soon as we determined the camera would fit in the nose (ahead of the propeller as desired) and there was room for all the equipment, I shipped the two airplanes down to the Rye Canyon test facility. There they modified the landing gear to carry the added weight and also extended the wing to eight ft. span. This concerned me, as I feared the percentage of stab area might be marginal. But flight tests eliminated the need for any concern—the airplane was very stable.

To perform the actual flight program, two of the best known and best qualified RC pilots in the world were selected. Larry Leonard and Bob Smith, familiar names to all RC enthusiasts, took on the assignment. Although the plane was able to fly with a 61, even weighing nearly 20 lbs., it was understandably a bit sluggish. So an 80 was

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1 The target was simulated 1/10 size airfield with hangars and revetments.



2 Larry tweaks the needle while Bob holds. Bud-dy-boxed transmitters used for flight until target acquisition by monitor-only guided pilot.



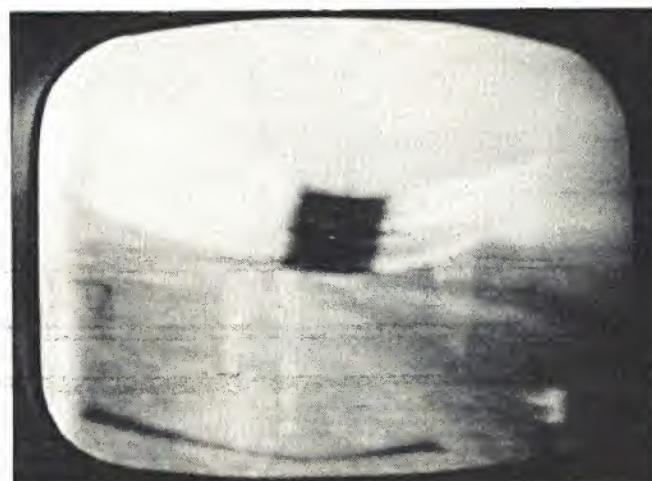
LEFT Much modified Wavemaster now weighs 20 lb. and has O.S. 80 for power.
Camera is in nose and TV transmitter located behind wing.



3 Takeoff at 20 lb. plane's level flight was 60 mph.



5 Strafing run at 15 ft. over the scaled-down airfield. Looks like fun.



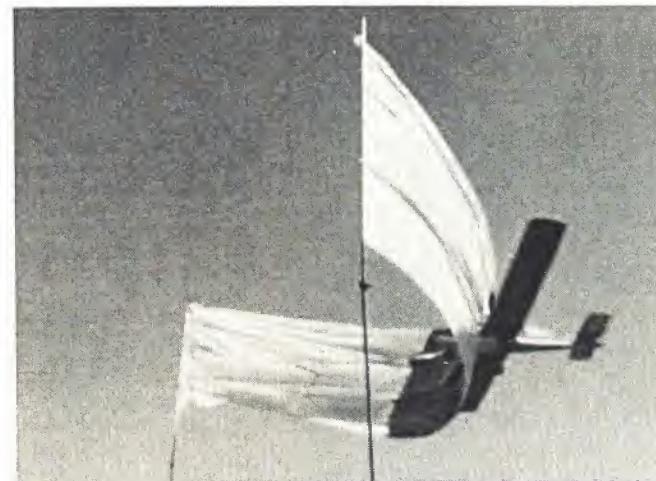
7 Accuracy test was flight into pole-supported crepe banner with bull's eye.



4 Control switched to TV-guided pilot at this instant. He has target in sight at lower left edge of TV screen.



6 Climbing out in a right turn after the attack. As soon as the horizon disappears, control is transferred to pilot standing outside van.



8 Here's the moment of impact. Unfortunately the target won by wrapping itself around the model.

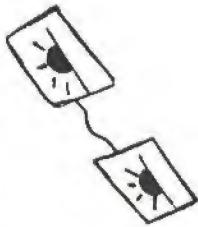


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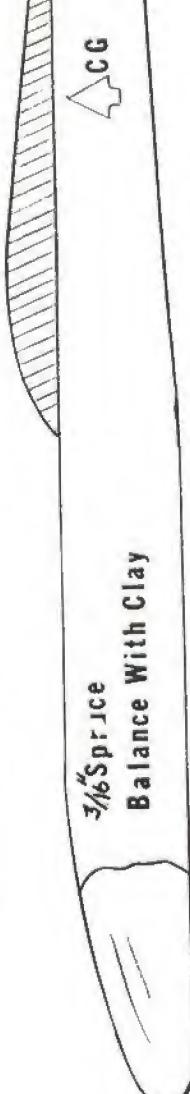


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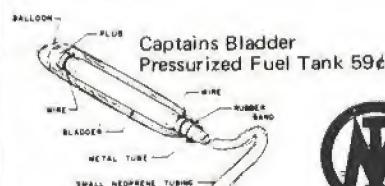
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SPORT AND SCALE

The Smithsonian Calls: One of the highest honors a scale modeler can hope to achieve in our country has been accorded William (Bill) F. Harney (Wakefield, Mass.). The honor I speak of is a request by the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. for a scale model of his to be put on permanent display. The object of the Smithsonian request is Bill's excellently executed B-25.



Above: Bill Harney displays scale B-25 bomber he is donating to the Smithsonian in front of MIT Lincoln Lab where he works. Below: Nick Bidera of Bayside Wiretappers M.A.C. shows his profile Carrier ship and third place trophy won at recent LIAMAC meet in New York.



In early 1972 Harney sent a letter to the Smithsonian requesting information on a Japanese Zero which he is building for 1973 competition. In order to show that he is an earnest modeler and had real need for the requested information he sent along a photo of his B-25. In addition to receiving the info on the Zero, he received the request for his B-25. It seems that the Smithsonian did not have any representation of the B-25 in its huge collection of Technological memorabilia. So, on August 15, 1972 Bill Harney turned over his B-25 to the Smithsonian.

For those of you who have never had the pleasure of seeing Bill's B-25 let me give you a brief description. The plane has a metal skin that was hammered out of multithin printing plates. A complete rivet pattern was simulated by hand punching the metal panels. Instrument panels were complete with all dials, switches and an internal lighting system. All access hatches, and canopy windows, as well as flaps, ailerons and rudder trim tabs that are fully operable. Several hundred photos were collected to substantiate all the models details which included all gun and engine burn marks as well as body dents and even the crews footprints on the wings surfaces.

Bill's 45 1/2" span bomber won many regional meets from 1962 until 1969 when he placed second in the Nationals earning himself a position on the 1970 World Champion Team. The B-25 was too heavy for World competition so Bill built a Folke-Wulf which placed third in the World Competition.

The story of Bill's modeling success would be great for just having attained a winning position in World Competition, but then to be honored by having a model immortalized at the Smithsonian can only be the greatest—Congratulations to Bill Harney a great modeler, for a great model and a great honor.

World Championships: I would like to take this opportunity to say "Congratulations" and "Thanks" to all of the U.S. Control Line competitors that competed in the 1972 World Championships held in Helsinki, Finland and Toulouse, France. While individuals did not sweep many of the events as they have in the past, the U.S. teams for most part did very well.

Helpful Hints: To prevent fuel and oil seepage into engine mounting holes in wooden engine bearers Milton Jowers provides the following suggestion. When drilling engine mounting bolt holes make them about 1/16" larger than is required for bolt clearance. Now cut four pieces of medium sized fuel tubing (Clear Plastic type) to the width of the motor mounts, and insert one in each of the mounting bolt holes. When the engine is to be installed screw the bolts through the tubing and into the nuts on the other side of the motor mounts. The plastic tubing provides a seal between the wood and the screw threads preventing fuel oils from getting to the bare wood inside the holes thereby prolonging the life of the engine mounts.

New Club: This month we have the pleasure of welcoming the Bayside Wiretappers M.A.C. (New York City) into the modeling fraternity. The club formed only a few months ago started out with about six members and are now boasting near twenty. The club members are generally in their teens and early twenties, and have become a red hot group in local competitive circles. Their interests run the gamut of CL events, Combat, Carrier, Dive Bombing, Stunt and Rat Racing, and are providing themselves worthy opponents by picking up many trophies in local contests much to the chagrin of many of the previously steady winners. The only events these guys have missed are Speed and Scale, but wait until next year.

Besides becoming an AMA chartered club they have joined the N.Y. Assoc. of M.A.C. and already getting into contest work by helping out at the Association's 1972 12th Annual Meet. A great group of guys, with plenty of enthusiasm for our modeling sport. Good Luck to you all, and welcome to the group.

JOHN SMITH

SPEED AND RACING

FAI Semi-Finals: Held in Cleveland over Labor Day weekend, we had nine team race



Smith and Sargent working.

Smith and Sargent playing.



teams and three speedy types show up. Since we were to qualify nine teams or filers in each event everybody went home a winner (?). Team race times ran from a 5:11 to a 10:31! The Speed guys ran from 17.6 to 23.32. Needless to say, we had no world beaters present. With rain and low temperatures the TR engines failed to cooperate, many running too cold to have a basis for needle settings and compression adjustments. Even though some past world team members flew, some kids and old men beat them, informality was the order of the day as the idea was to let every body get in flights. We did run a 200 lap "feature" at the end of the festivities. I think one team may still be out there trying to get enough laps to finish. Let's hope by next Labor Day when the team finals are held, everybody will be better prepared, speeds will be up, pit times down and someone can break the four minute mark. It looks like that will be the number to hit if we ever hope to beat the team from USSR.

I Flew with The Blue Angels or CL Fliers Do Have More Fun: The Blue Angel RC Team was in Cleveland during the FAI meet so they could participate in the National Air Show in Cleveland. During practice they rekitted a Bear Cat on the runway. So Ed Sweeney drafted me to do the repair work on Saturday night. At 4:30 Sunday morning we mopped on the paint. These guys may draw the biggest crowds and rightly so, for they put on a great show, but believe me, we still have more fun.

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Fastest Rat in the East: Also North, South and West, Bill Keller, Dayton, Ohio, really turned it on at the Junior Air Races in Cleveland, August 19-20. His Boss Rat turned 4:39.2 for the 140 lap run. Bill won the Nats

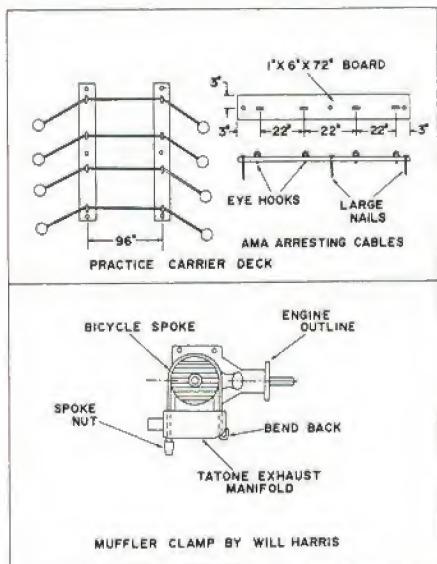
with a 5:10.4. For all you non-believers there were two watches and two counters on the model. Top end was 11.9, (151.20 mph). HP .40 for go power, and two pits on the best ever run at a AAA Meet.

JOHN BLUM

CARRIER AND STUNT

Carrier Landings: Theoretically there may be no maximum score in Carrier. The final flight score is influenced by the ultimate performance of the aircraft in the speed runs, since the maximum scale and landing points are fixed. The record for the event is now over 600 points and each season keeps climbing. The scale points are easy to obtain; the speed runs are dependent on many factors both commercial and talent; but the landing points are a factor of practice. Too many excellent flights have been scratched due to an incomplete landing in both local and National competition and this is entirely an element of practice. When the point spread is close, the landing is too important to leave to chance. How many modelers practice with a deck before entering competition?

The sketch shows a practical approach to a practice deck that is quite useful. The theory is to practice with four arresting cables. If you can make consistent landings in practice with four cables, then a ten-cable deck in competition will be easy.



The setup is made from two six-ft. long standard 1 x 6" boards common to any lumber supply firm. Spaced evenly along the center of the board are four eye-bolts. The 1/4" diam. threaded portion must be cut off after installation. The local hardware store can supply the long nails. Use the long, approximately ten inches, aluminum type which are designed for house guttering installation.

The boards with the eye-bolts can be spaced on eight-ft. centers, centering with the flight path, and held in place with the long nails. The four arresting cables, per AMA specs, can then be installed and you have a good practice deck.

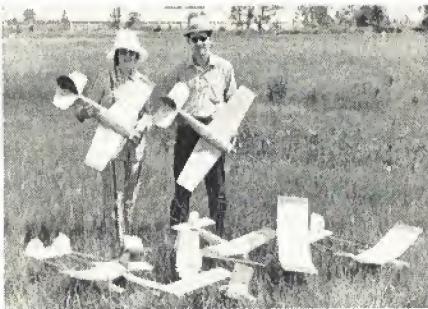
Profile Carrier model by Bert Allaire of Jersey City, McCoy 35. Note antenna wire, auto rudder, bombs and pilots.



Muffler Bracket: Via the San Jose (Calif.) Aero Modelers Newsletter, Will Harris presents an effective muffler clamp. It shows adaption to the Tatone exhaust manifold, but has other uses. A typical bicycle spoke is inserted thru the drilled holes in the manifold to form a "U" shape. Then the unthreaded end is cut to length and bent to form a hook. The nut is tightened and a reliable clamp is created.

Throttling Questions: The most effective approach to throttle operation is the three-line system. Using a Robert's three-line throttle bellcrank is the easiest to obtain, install and operate. However, the urge of the competitor for several more points, or the curiosity of the experimenter, has brought about the two-line and one line systems. Primarily, the two-line arrangement is that of the basic UC system; and the one-liner is the monoline system. However, for throttle, each necessitates the incorporation of an auxiliary throttle actuating system that can be manipulated by the control system. This may be electrical or mechanical. A lot has been tried with both approaches, with most effort on the mechanical side.

The basic difficulty is pre-loading (presetting) the throttle so that the ultimate high and low speed run can be achieved during the same flight. The ability to compensate for the needle or throttle setting from the handle is negative with other than the three-line system. So, that's where the problem begins and we can start discussion there in the future.



David and Carol Kruse, Minneapolis. Models are stick-and-tissue and foam. Free-flight duration model uses 50 cent Mabuchi RE56 motor from Radio Shack.



Free Flight

BOB MEUSER SPORT

The Cordless Electric Model Airplane: The first electric cell was constructed within a century of the birth of Christ. A flying model aircraft was exhibited in France in 1784. Polystyrene plastic was developed in 1828. The first electric motor turned in 1833. Mattel put it all together in 1972.

The Mattel Super Star looks and flies like a well-tempered scale model, and virtually flies right out of the box. The nickel-cadmium battery, charged from a 6-volt lantern battery, or from a car battery, powers it for flights of a minute or two. Mattel is not the first, or course; a battery-powered model flew in the early 1950s, and three commercial systems appeared in the early 1960s. Three electric power plants for model planes appeared on the market in 1972. But Mattel showed that it doesn't have to be sophisticated, complicated, or expensive. Free Flighters, who get their

Peter Allnutt, Toronto, Canada launches the Blimp—McGillivray design. The rudder motor weighs 50% more than rest of model.



kicks from seeing the product of their own hand and mind in flight, might be temporarily amused by a store-bought toy that can duplicate so well their own best efforts, but will be quick to adapt the Mattel power plant, or similar home-brew systems, to their own sport and scale creations; the Flightmasters have already included an electric-power event on the bill-of-fare for their 23rd Annual Scale Model Contest.

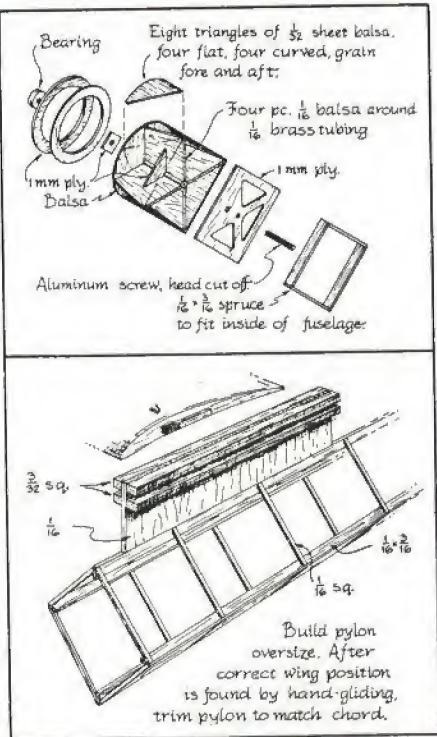
It is a wonder that more hasn't been done with electric power since a little figuring shows that the best batteries now on the market put out over 100 times as much energy for their weight as the finest vintage Chateau Pirelli, 1959—which quite possibly accounts for the fact that you don't see many rubber-band-powered flashlights around.

Whether the tremendous potential of electric power will have an impact on competition non-scale Free Flight remains to be seen. We have great hopes.

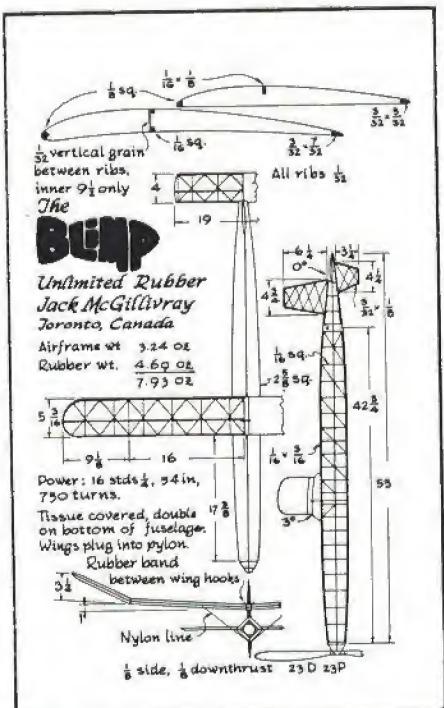
I would be delighted to hear from any of you who have any ideas or information about electric propulsion. Tom Swift lives!

Sympo 73; Call for Papers: Tom Hutchinson, 880A Magnolia Ave., Pasadena, CA 91106, is the man to contact if you might have a paper for the Sixth Annual Symposium of the National Free-Flight Society. Deadline is April 1 for completed papers, but Hutch should know by February 1 if you intend to submit one. Suggestions for candidates for Model of the Year Awards also may be sent to him, and should be submitted by early in January. Hutch's highly successful model designs have appeared in the magazines and in kit form, he has served many years as an administrator and as a newsletter editor, he is himself a Sympo author, and he is a bear for work. We'll look forward to another great Symposium report.

Ugliness is Only Tissue Deep: Unlimited Rubber models are seldom handsome, but Jack McGillivray's aptly-named Blimp must be the ugliest of all. The fuselage is too fat, the wing, stab, and rudder look as though they belong to three different airplanes, and the two halves of the rudder appear to have been installed by different crews. But closer examination reveals that every stick and joint has been thought about, each piece is sized and positioned to adequately but barely do its job, and no wood is carried aloft just for the ride. The nose "block" is not a block at all, but a carefully contrived assemblage of two dozen



pieces of plywood, balsa, and metal. The wing halves plug into the slim pylon, but the joint is not subjected to bending forces; the lift is taken by a pair of nylon cords running from the spar to the bottom of the fuselage. A rubber band over a hood on the top of each wing holds the wings up while the model is being handled—the lift keeps them up when the model is in flight—but if the model goes belly-up upon landing, the spar doesn't break, the wing halves fold harmlessly. Rectangular longerons laid on the diagonals withstand crushing far better than square ones of equal weight. Fuselage uprights are only 1/16 in. square. There are no diagonals in the fuselage forward of the wing because there is no rubber torque there. The result is an airframe that can carry half again its own weight of rubber, yet one that is rugged enough for the rigors of competition. For madmen only; not for everyone



WALT MOONEY

SCALE

Contest Roundup: Bob Clemens' son Chris has won the Junior Peanut scale event at the Nationals for the last two years with an excellent model of the Farman "Mosquito." He is shown here with his model and his latest trophy. The trophy with its little Peanut man is a really great addition to any trophy case.



Chris Clemens and Farman Mosquito.

D. Osborne's Curtiss Fledgling has 39" span.



Way up north in Canada, Dennis Osbourne suffers through about six months of winter, or at least so he complains, but at least that gives him lots of time to plan and build. His rubber-powered Curtiss Fledgeling posed here in the winter snow has a wingspan of 39 in. Its truly a great effort, and we hope it flies as well as it looks next summer.

The Williams brothers have come up with a new spinner called the Mark II. It's available in eight sizes from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. diameter. It has no external screws or holes and can be used with electric starters.

Granger Williams took first place in the RC seaplane event at the August Flightmasters seaplane contest with his Deperdussin racer. It has wingwarping for lateral control and flies really well. Tsirgi's Little (that is the real plane was little) Brandenberg was second. Of note is the fact that both these models are flying really well though their first flights at previous contests were far from perfect and

Granger Williams and "Dep" racer.



were saved by the excellent piloting of their builders, Granger's model appeared to be quite tail heavy on its first flight which is not too surprising considering the short nose of the "Dep." The Brandenberg had an aileron come loose but was brought down safely. It just goes to show that if the model gets past its initial tests, it can do really well in subsequent contests. Still most of us bring untested models to the scale contests, often they are even unfinished. Still its more fun to have a model entered and not win than it is to be a mere spectator.

Fulton Hungerford traveled all the way from Florida to fly in the Flightmasters scale speed contest and the scale seaplane contest. He flew a magnificent Loening amphibian in both events and took third in the speed event and first in the Rubber powered seaplane event. Fulton is the guy that manufactures those great spoked wheels in so many handy sizes.

As your scale F.F. correspondent I missed both the Speed contest and the Seaplane contest and its outdoor picnic that followed at Fernando Ramos' spread. I didn't really want to miss either one, but the following which is copied from Fudo Takagi's article "In and Out" in the San Diego Orbiters' September newsletter explains what happened.

"How does one miss two gala scale meets on successive weekends? It's easy if you are also an avid full scale glider pilot, and a regional 1-26 glider meet falls on the weekend between the scale speed and Flightmasters Scale R.O.W.

"Knowing that you are going to miss the scale speed meet, you arrange to have your models proxled. You are pretty sure you'll be back for the Hydro meet on Sunday. That's when the best laid plans go astray. You find that the distance event is on Saturday the day before the Hydro event. There you are soaring around late in the afternoon, when you find your last big thermal and you are headed East towards Las Vegas.

"Meanwhile unbeknownst to you, your ground crew (wife, Carole, and kids) has problems with the trailer near Barstow and has to stop for repairs. Weak batteries in your radio, due to a conked out charger, compounds your communication woes. Here it is, after eight pm, getting darker by the minute as you head northeast past Las Vegas. Finally with Las Vegas 20 miles behind, you set down in the center of Dry Lake, Nevada, rather than risk damages and possible injuries though you still have enough altitude for ten more miles of flying. (Well it was dark, and that was the last completely unobstructed landing place I knew of.)

"It's a 2½ mile walk out from the center of the lake to the highway and then a long walk back to Las Vegas and a phone. Nobody picks up hitchhikers at night in the Nevada desert. But wait!!! your luck changes. Here comes a car towing a glider trailer. You wave, holler, jump up and down, and get a lift into town. The rest is anticlimactic as you call and find out where to contact your crew; wait, nursing an iced tea in an all night restaurant (what else when you're a teatotaller?).

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Flash back to the scale speed meet, Your R.E.P. racer doesn't get qualified as it gets clobbered trying. What can you expect from a proxy that wins the best crash prize flying in the non-scale event.

"What happened at the Scale Hydro picnic? Don't ask me! I was waiting for Walt Mooney to show up (from Las Vegas)." So goes Eudo's write-up.

goes Fido's write up.

Needless to say I was still at Dry Lake the Sunday morning of the Flightmaster's Scale Hydro meet and missed the picnic that was enjoyed by all who attended it. This was the third year that this contest and picnic was sponsored by the North American Rockwell Flightmasters. It's a truly enjoyable way to spend a Sunday. The competition is stiff, but the comraderie is the best you'll find in this life.

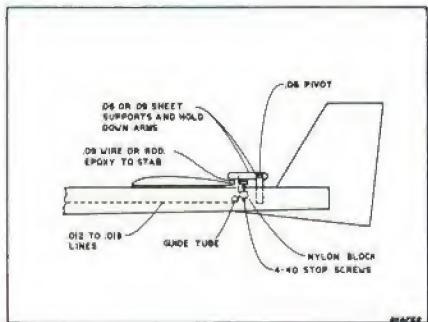
BOB STALICK

RUBBER, GLIDER AND POWER

Caddo Mills FAI Finals One More Time: Gadgets and other equipment are "in" for power models. The most popular piece of equipment is the Auto-Stab/Auto Rudder, usually connected to a Seelig timer.

Important in any gadget operation is simple, foolproof functioning. This includes initial installation, ease of field adjustment and operation, and repair and replacement. Let's take these items one at a time and recommend means of dealing with them.

Initial Installation: Design the system so that it has a minimum of moving parts to get the job done. Starting with the timer, mark the arms or position the lines so that they can be hooked up only one way each time—to avoid the embarrassment of having the wrong thing happen at the right time. Next, use lines that won't shrink, stretch or bind, such as stranded UC cable of around .012 to .018 diameter. Use a small diameter spring or, if necessary, rubber bands to provide the necessary tension. Then, run the lines through guides to the fuselage rear—Gold 'N Rods work fine here—this keeps the lines from tangling and allows easier replacement should that need arise. Whenever the lines make a sharp bend, provide a non-binding bearing surface for them to go around, a nickle placed brass tube is suggested. The Auto-Stab arms themselves should be mounted on a similar non-binding pivot and spring loaded (using a safety pin type spring) so that they always pop out of the way of the stab. These arms must be adjustable via some sort of screw adjustment system. This system can be mounted in the arm itself or, better, out of the way in the fuselage. The purpose here is to allow minute adjustments easily to compensate for changes in trim. The whole system should be firmly mounted in or on the fuselage. The stab itself should be constructed to accommodate the auto system. This usually involves something as simple as mounting a metal bearing plate or tube on the top of the trailing edge. In brief, this outlines the installation layout. Referring to the featured sketch should help sort out some more details.



Ease of Field Adjustment: Set screws used in the Auto-Stab and Auto-Rudder set up are necessary for precise and simple field resetting. These must be mounted so that they do not vibrate out of their settings, so tapping nylon blocks for metal screws or using Loc-Tite on metal to metal setups is desirable. On the other end—at the timer—minute bends can be made to give an extra bit more or less time delay, but if more is needed take along a small wrench to fit that tiny Seelig timer nut.

Repair and Replacement: If properly designed and maintained, no replacement should be necessary, but there are times.... Use of Gold 'N Rods simplifies running a new line to replace a broken or kinked old one. Leaving out the top of the fuselage under the stab mount will allow you to inspect the operation end of the Auto-Stab mechanism to check for wear and tear, and it also allows for ease of replacement.

The best system, of course, is only as good as its operator, so practice using a setup until you can duplicate its operation without error. When the final system evolves, try to standardize it on all your models, so that each one operates the same. That keeps you from using model No. one's technique on No. two and "dorking it" because the setup is different.

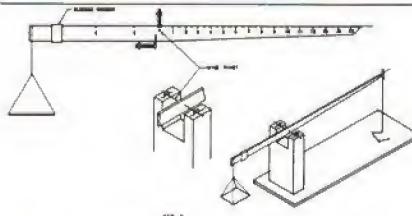
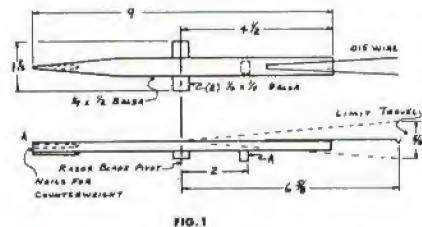
Lastly, the best preparation is to have several trimmed models so that if one suffers mechanical failure, repairs can be made in the workshop and not under the stress of contest conditions. Just like the Boy Scouts, "Be Prepared" is more than a good motto.

Next month we'll cover trimming techniques for auto-equipped models.

BUD TENNY

INDOOR

Model Weighing: Indoor modelers have cause to be interested in the weight of their models for one of two reasons: to insure that the model meets the rules (FAI Indoor models must weigh one gram, and PennyPlane models must weigh the same as a new copper penny); or to compare new models against the last ones to see if the weight is less. By keeping careful records, it is possible to learn to build lighter models as one gains experience. To check model weights against the rules, a simple go-no-go balance (Fig. 1) works very well. Calibrate the beam with a one gram weight or a new penny hanging on the wire hooks, then hang the model (by the prop) on the hooks. If the model is heavy enough, the beam will dip toward the model.



Beam Balance: For those fliers who want to check model weights as they build, a sensitive beam balance (Fig. 2) is ideal for the workshop. This type of balance is easy to build and can be very sensitive. The accuracy will depend exactly on how well it is constructed, and how accurately the weights are calibrated. The beam is pivoted on a music wire shaft which rests on music wire tracks. The wire shaft is roughly located by brads which keep the beam from falling off the stand, while the long end of the beam is restrained by a wire loop around the pointer.

Beam Construction: The beam needs to be just over 25 in. long, with the shaft located just over ten in. from one end. Build the beam from 3/32 by 3/8 in. spruce or pine, and use dividers set to one in., spacing to mark all the beam calibration points exactly. Be sure to start exactly at the center of the pivot shaft so that any mark is exactly the specified distance from the pivot. Note that check stations are located at two and five in. to the left of the pivot, while the pan hangs exactly ten in. from the pivot. Cut a small, narrow notch at each calibration point on both sides of the beam so that weights can be located at the same place each time. Finally, epoxy two 4-40 screws in place as shown on the beam, and waterproof the beam with three coats of dope. Build the base from balsa block and 1/4 by 3 in. sheet, mount the pointer "cage" and secure the beam in place. Build the pan from 1/32 in. plywood, wire hook and thread.

Beam Calibration: With the balance assembled, two types of balancing are needed. First, make a sliding weight for the left end, using thin lead sheet trimmed to the proper weight so that the pointer is centered in the cage. Screw the nut on the horizontal bolt for exact balance. Next, screw the nut on the vertical screw up as far as possible. The beam should become unstable—that is, it should not hold level but will instead drop one end or the other. Add weight to the nut if necessary to attain the unstable condition! Finally, screw the nut down until the beam just will hold level, then spot-glue the nut in place. This makes the beam very sensitive so that small weights can be measured. Next month we will make weights to use with the balance, and find out how to use it properly.

Radio Control

In Memory of Jim Kirkland: Many kind thoughts and eloquent words will be said over the untimely passing of Jim Kirkland. Here, truly, was a pioneer, a leader, and a champion through and through. A rare and gifted person indeed with an unequalled ability to accept change and promote it as well. Who else but Jim has given so well of his time and efforts over the years in all aspects of the sport? Well known as the master designer, innovator, and electrician as well, not to mention his eagerness to perfect new methods of construction and try new materials: Plastics, foam, fiberglass, what have you.

Always the perfectionist, never entirely satisfied, full of surprises. Really ahead of all of us most of the time. Yet, Jim had a real stabilizing influence in the sport both on the contest field, at the drawing board, and his long hours of volunteer A.M.A. work for that matter.

Who amongst us hasn't benefitted in some way, then, from Jim's influence over the years? As an admirer, as a friend, as a competitor, perhaps by flying one of Jim's designs, or reading one of his construction articles.

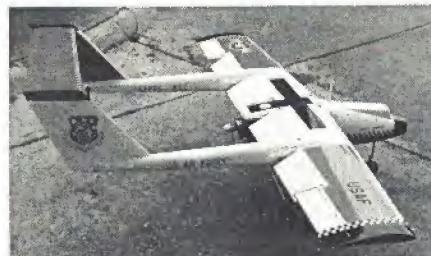
Perhaps Jim's greatest ability—the stuff from which champions are truly made—was that wonderful, indescribable thing that made him bounce right back to the top after some resounding defeat. Reflecting back on that illustrious contest career, one might say Jim had that certain something extra. Maybe you can't define it, but its absence is going to be felt.—George Hill.

DON LOWE

SPORT AND PATTERN

NATS Reflections: The '72 NATS is now history and will be remembered with fond thoughts by some (the winners), bitterness by others (losers) and skepticism by others who feel that some operational improvements are in order. Personally I feel that a pretty darn good job was done considering the extreme handicap of not having the Navy's help. It is apparent though that some improvement must be considered based on personal observations and a sampling of opinions of others in attendance, both as competitors and as officials.

Most NATS Class A and B fliers that I have talked with were bitter due to "second class citizen" treatment. They cite the simple



Above: Project "Teleplane" aircraft, developed by Air Force at WPAFB for remote piloting experiments via television. Below: Seen at Minnesota State Stunt Championships, Bob Swenson and original design of a butterfly tail Pattern ship. Placed third in Class C.





Bob Violett, pilot half of famous Telford/Violett racing team proves he flies Pattern ships, too. His new design with flying stab seen at Dahlgren.

fact that they paid the same entry fee as others but were given a half day to fly and only three flights. Even then they were caught up in the facility teardown process Sunday; also, most fliers and spectators had departed for home or the upcoming flight demos. Their award presentation was especially bad with a few die-hards (mostly winners) clustered around the remnants of the dismembered facilities. I can't help but agree that Class A and B flyers deserve as good treatment as any other RC/freeflight/U-control competition category. Why not fly theirs right along with class C/D as is always done at other contests around the country? What say you out there in radio land?

Commonplace Stuff: Most of us who have been in this hobby for a while take for granted a lot of the little goodies and techniques that we feel everyone must know about. But what of the newcomer who often must go through trial by fire (crash?) to learn some of these simple facts, I know that I have difficulty relating at times to the newcomer's problems since its all pretty much "old hat" to me. How about the simple technique of using muffler pressure to pressurize your fuel tank? This, for those who have tried it, goes a long way toward solving the engine "leaning out" that occurs during flight as the fuel tank is emptied. Did you know, however, that the amount of pressure available by this technique is variable as a function of where you hook onto the muffler? I recently was flying a "Pooley" test air plane equipped with a ST 40 ABC racing engine and ST flow-through muffler. Now we all know that crankcase pressure is required to feed a racing engine—Right? Wrong! Being a lazy type I first hooked the pressure line to the normal ST muffler pressure tap. This tap senses pressure between the inner and outer muffler shells and is apparently a low pressure region since the engine would run but sag (lean) when "g's" were pulled; so, I then hooked the pressure line to the prime tube—what a difference! This tube is opposite the exhaust stack and "sees" the direct impingement of exhaust gases. The engine is very happy with this arrangement and runs great. So—muffler pressure will help your engine; you may have to experiment a little to find the best place to tap the pressure.

Another technique that I and others use that seems to puzzle some people is placing the receiver antenna inside the fuselage. Now we used to do that all the time back in the reed days—remember? When we got the first fussy proportional sets, antenna placement became very critical so out came the antennas into all kinds of configurations, including vertical whips. Now, I will be the first to admit that a whip antenna or placement outside the model is best—but certainly not necessary for most equipment if care is used in placing the antenna. I simply route the antenna away from other wiring, at least one inch or more away from servos (this is important) and lay it along the top of the fuse as far as possible from wiring, pushrods, and servos. This works just fine for me and makes a neater installation. It will also puzzle your friends who will wonder where the antenna went. A neat arrangement for the antenna, and to make it easy to install and remove, would be to glue in a plastic tube of some sort (not metal!) inside the fuse. Then you simply shove the antenna into the tube being very careful not

to fold it or coil it. Incidentally, when hooking up your antenna do not fold excess antenna back over itself such as some do when fastening to the fin, etc. This effectively shorts out that section of antenna and will reduce range. For those who would like to install the antenna wire permanently in the fuse, this is ok as long as you use a good antenna connector. One such device recently marketed is a gold plated pin connector made by Sukarta Hobbes of New Jersey. They call it "Shove It" and it sells for a buck twenty-nine.

BOB STOCKWELL

PYLON

Internats: With the best intentions, the British nevertheless proved it is possible to have too much organization in a pylon race. At the Internats they had four men on each of the near pylons, creating unbelievable congestion in the one area where there ought to be only fliers and callers. Partly as a consequence of the safety hazard they had thereby created, they put in a new rule outlawing any flying at a height below the 20 ft. pylons—and the main casualty was a zero for Charley Smith, whose flying literally fell apart the second day when he was no longer allowed to fly his normal course; and, I should add, the normal course of about half of the top pylon competitors I know, including three national champions, three NMPRA champions, and exceptionally fine fliers like Wayne Walwright and Ted White and Bob Francis, who though they have not won the big ones are leading giant-killers at any contest.

The British also had some curious interpretations of rules. They interpret the six-minute rule to mean you have six minutes to complete the race, including allowing a restart if your engine flames out. Larry Leonard, for example, busted a prop on takeoff, ran out and changed props and took off again, finishing with a sparkling 5:15 for that heat: no reflection on Larry, just a reflection on this curious interpretation of the rule. In this country no one has ever interpreted the rule as anything but a device to disqualify guys who can't kill their engines after the race is over. A flame-out, or failure to takeoff at the drop of the flag, is an automatic zero in all American racing.

Another rule whose interpretation caused endless debate and difficulty was the FAI mid-air rule. It's a silly rule, in my candid opinion, but it is clearly intended only to give an opportunity for a plane damaged in mid-air to be landed and checked for safety without penalty: namely, by giving that pilot an opportunity to fly his heat again—but not necessarily against the identical competition, which is the way the British interpreted it, reflying identical heats repeatedly.

Jeff Bertken, third at Cranfield Internats, K&B power, PB Products Miss B.S.



Terry Prather and Miss B.S. that bit dust in 12th lap of 1st heat at Cranfield.

Bob Violett and Cliff Telford checking front end of Supertigre on FAI ship.



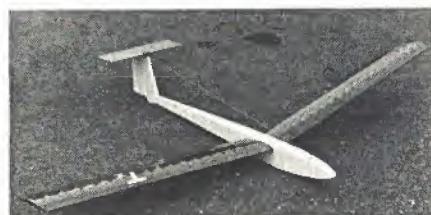
It was the impression at least of Terry Prather and Whit Stockwell that the British also proved, even though they didn't take the top trophy, that the H.P. is the best FAI engine (for 1972-1973 will see other possibilities, with the K & B production Schnuerle available to experiment with on alcohol). Even the superlatively good SuperTigres of Terry Prather and Cliff Telford were not turning within 500 rpm of the H.P.s at this event, and only the combination of brilliant flying, an exceptionally clean airplane, and a little luck enabled America's top FAI team of Telford and Violett to win against the H.P.s of Phil Greenough, Allen Mann, and other top British competition.

CARL MARONEY

GLIDERS AND FAI

Introducing "T₂": a 75" span all-purpose RC glider for two-channel proportional systems. Designed by an aerodynamicist who is also an active RC filer, with over twenty years of varied modelling experience to reinforce his design ideas. Here is one model which is engineered for ease of building, excellent performance and durability. This ship features a unique control system having coupled ailerons and rudder and coupled flaps and elevator plus moving stabilizer. The manufacturer

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All Balsa T2 kitted by SFM.

The second prototype of SFM Ka-6E, a 100-in., 3½ to 4 lb. slope soarer to be kitted in early 1973.



CLAUDE McCULLOUGH SCALE

Rules Trial: The Fourth Annual Chicago Scalemaster's Rally, held September third at Glenview NAS, featured a test of a set of regulations drawn up by Dave Platt which were used to operate the AMA RC Scale event instead of the book rules. Last year this all-scale contest tried out the Sport Scale regs which were subsequently adopted as a provisional event and published in the 1972 AMA Rule Book.

Main feature of the proposed regulations used at the Rally are so-called "Equalizer" scores in which points were awarded according to the scale judges assessment of the relative difficulty of the model subject involved. Models of prototypes of great simplicity are given an equalizer score of zero while the most complex are awarded ten, with other types graded in between this range depending upon their classification by the judge. This approach to the much debated question of complexity factor allows approximately ten per cent of the maximum possible scale fidelity score to this category, so is not heavily weighted in favor of highly complex models. The idea seems to be to help make up for some of the flight and construction disadvantages suffered by complicated aircraft. It makes for a very interesting discussion however, to place examples of prototypes on the zero to ten scale, particularly in some of the middle areas.

The flight pattern used features a shortened required list of maneuvers, including a flypast, and adds points for Realism in Flight. The rest of the flight is an open option arrangement in which the flier can demonstrate the qualities of his model with whatever maneuvers or scale operations he wishes to call out rather than select them from a prepared list in the rule book. Points are awarded on degree of difficulty as compared to listed examples.



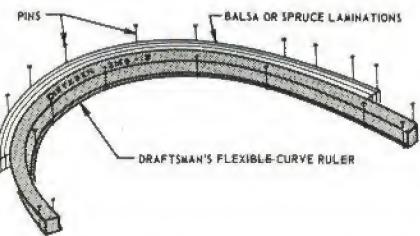
Don Botteron with his Zlin Akrobat at the Nationals.

Gary Owens gave his Hurricane authentic touch of aging, and used markings from profile on aircraft.



Possibly the most controversial provision is the elimination of separate workmanship points in scale judging, workmanship being held to be part of scale fidelity. This may save a column of addition but many scale builders would want to argue about this one. Several other proposed approaches to new rules for RC Scale are expected to be made before the April cutoff date, so the SCB will have its work cut out for it in drafting the 1974 RC Scale Regulations.

Better Bends: George McKee, Jr., uses a draftsman's flexible curve ruler to aid in the task of laminating strips of balsa or spruce to form curved wing or tail edges, producing a smoother finished product than the usual method of forming against a row of pins. These rules are made by several companies in 18 to 36" lengths and are covered with a plastic coating to which glue (except epoxy) will



not stick. George has a Dietzgen 2168, 18". Since the ruler has a slightly chamfered edge, small wedges of scrap balsa are necessary behind the first laminate to insure squareness. In addition to the pins to hold the rule in place around a small radius, the rule can be used on the outside of a curve pattern as well when required but he feels that inside works better where the shape permits. Aliphatic resin glues such as Sig Bond or Titebond are best for this application since they work on damp wood and can be sanded.

Special Interest

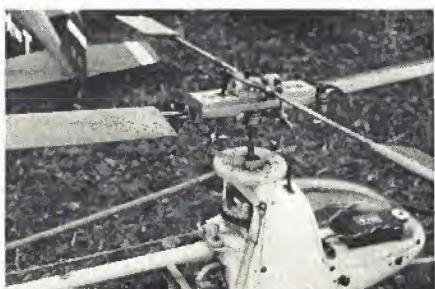
JOHN BURKAM HELICOPTERS

From the Editor: During October I had the pleasure of visiting MRC's operation in Edison, New Jersey. The occasion was announcement that MRC would shortly be marketing the Kavan helicopter. Franz Kavan and his pilot, Bruno Gottfried, had come from Germany with two of the helicopters to give live demonstrations. These demonstrations were most impressive. I'd like to tell you about the model and its flying abilities as an interested observer.

The model is of a Bell Jet Ranger powered by a 60 model aircraft engine. The helicopter is the only model flying which uses the Bell rotor head configuration of gyro with cyclic mixing bars to individually control each blade and is the only model design with collective pitch control on the main rotor. A four-channel radio with five servos controls the machine. The throttle function at the transmitter operates both the engine's carburetor and the main rotor collective pitch with two electronically paralleled servos. The first half of the throttle control movement commands the engine speed from idle to full throttle and the second half of the throttle control movement commands the collective pitch control from minus 1 degree to plus 5 degrees. Altitude is completely and easily managed on one function. The rudder control tall rotor collective and pitch and roll are on the other control stick.

While I find it difficult to separate pilot ability from model capability, the Kavan machine was most impressive in flight, too. It is smooth flying and realistic. It seems capable of excellent speed and very easy and precise altitude control. It is only during hovering that some control difficulty is experienced (as with any model helicopter) and varying the main collective required some tall rotor compensation. The model appeared unsteady in yaw during takeoff and landing for this reason. With the mixing bar added this should be

Ed Sweeney's shaft-driven conversion of a Du-Bro Whirlybird.



corrected somewhat. Nice thing though is the model's ability to descend for landing without power changes or ballooning. The above-mentioned fault(?) is more than offset by the fact that having a rotor at a steady high rpm means the control quality remains constant throughout descent.

In addition to the uniqueness of the helicopter already described, Kavan has also engineered two other imaginative items. First one is a rate sensing gyro which controls the tall rotor. This gyro keeps the tall steady regardless of power or main rotor collective inputs. The normal rudder function has about a 50 percent authority over its servo for flight control. Thus the pilot is relieved of torque compensation. The second item is a simple mixing bar to couple mechanically the main rotor collective with the tall rotor collective in order to partially compensate for main rotor torque demands with the tall rotor's anti-torque function. Used together, these items could mean that the Kavan helicopter would be flyable just like a fixed wing aircraft and very easy to learn to fly. Furthermore, the gyro device could be used on the roll and pitch controls in addition to the yaw axis for semi-automatic flight control. Neat.

The MRC-Kavan helicopter (without the gyros at first) should be available from MRC during the first months of 1973 or maybe sooner. It is typical of Kavan's other products—extremely good mechanical design and fabrication. The helicopter will be the most expensive RC chopper at \$400–500 range but is worth the price in terms of product quality. It is also highly prefabricated. Also typical of Kavan products, the model is designed for mass production, like thousands not just hundreds. I'm sure you'll see it again at Toledo—Ed Sweeney.

New England Helicopter Event: August 26 and 27 in Orange, Mass. Every competitor made at least one flight. All but two had crashes also. The 22 prescribed maneuvers served much better than free style flying to show up the measure of control each man had.

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Bruno Gottfreid, Herr Franz Kavan, and Ed Sweeney (of MRC) with the Kavan Jet Ranger.



Walt Schroder about to depart the scene quickly, as Bruno points the helicopter at Walt's camera. Model capable of exceptionally good control and speed.



Bruno has put the transmitter on Herr Kavan to demonstrate the model's excellent in-flight stability. During this sequence the model is not pilot-controlled.



The cars at the 1972 ROAR Nationals in California.

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BOB BECKMAN RC CARS

1972 ROAR Nationals: This year's ROAR Nationals at Briggs Cunningham track in Costa Mesa, California, was the largest RC car race ever held, showing that the popularity of this new sport is still increasing. There were 70 entries from all over the U.S., and Ted Longshaw came all the way from England to compete and then take two beautiful trophies home with him. And can you believe that Stig Andersson came all the way from Switzerland just to watch? There were spectators from the Wiki-Wiki RC Car Club in Hawaii. With this kind of interest, possibly next year we could have a truly international event.

Were the races exciting? Well, Dan Gurney stopped by to watch and stayed for three hours sitting on the asphalt watching the oval races. If Dan could have made it the next day for the road races, he undoubtedly would have been there all day. We might just have a new enthusiast starting there. Can you imagine some of the innovations Dan might have for RC cars?

The Nationals this year were split into two driver classifications, Amateur and Expert. The program started off with the Amateur Oval event. Our youngest competitor, 12-year-old Bryan Bowles driving a Thorp car, came in first with Jim Cade (Thorp) second and Dan Amedo (Taurus) third. The victory was especially sweet for Bryan because his older brother, Kevin, also races and usually wins, but this time it was reversed.

The Amateur Road Race event was up next, and there was some real close racing which had the spectators cheering. Bill Vanderziel, driving his Associated car, drove a great race against some strong competition and won this event. Glen Stone was second with his scratch-built car; Glen even built his own engine. Jim Cade brought his Thorp car in third. The overall combined standings (Oval and Road Race) showed Jim Cade as the 1972 Amateur National Champion with Bill Vanderziel second and Don Amedo third.

The experts were up next, and it looked as though there would be some very exciting racing. Every major brand of RC car was well represented with a team of cars. The Marker Machine group, which is currently dominating the racing in the Midwest, was represented by Del Fisher, Bud Schrendl, Dick Dobson and Bob Emmot. Delta was ably represented by Ken Campbell, who came out a week early to practice, and locals Bud Ihnen and Ron Bonnell. Mike Morrissey had a team of three amateurs and three experts with his new Taurus car. Thorp was strongly represented by John Throp, Gil Gunderson, Dick Sahara and Dick Camp. Jack Garcia and Dick

Norsikian represented Nor/Kar. And the Associated team of Roger Curtis, Gene Hustling and Matt Azzara, along with independent Chuck Hallum, were ready.

The Oval event was first on the program. There were three races of six cars each for the 18 car mains. In the final race, Roger Curtis (Associated) did a flawless driving job setting fast time of the day. His ability to maneuver his car to avoid slower cars was a thing of beauty. Dick Sahara (Thorp) followed in second. The overall expert oval times showed Roger Curtis (Associated) 1st, Dick Dobson (Marker) 2nd, Mike Morrissey (Taurus) 3rd.

Road Racing is by far the most popular event in RC car racing, and the next event was the one everyone wanted to win. In the qualifying heats, Chuck Hallum (Associated) set the fastest qualifying time and had to be considered as the man to beat. Chuck has been a consistent threat and just recently broke Gene Hustling's track record on the old Cunningham course. In the first main event race the pressure was on, Roger Curtis (Associated) and Dick Dobson (Marker), who finished 1st and 2nd the day before in the Oval race, were up in the first race, but Dobson ran into some early problems and Curtis went on with a smooth driving job to win the race; John Throp (Thorp) came in second. The next race belonged to Ken Campbell (Delta). Ken showed how he's won so many races in the Midwest with his fantastic driving skill, Joe Swan (Taurus) followed in second.

The final race looked as though it could have been the most exciting with Chuck Hallum (Associated), Mike Morrissey (Taurus) and Gene Hustling (Associated) ready to do battle. At the start of the race, Chuck Hallum took off in an early lead with everyone else tangled up in the first turn. After a few laps Morrissey was involved in a crash which broke his antenna mount, putting him out for repairs. Though Hustling could pull Hallum about 40 ft. on the straightaway, Hallum was ever increasing his lead. Morrissey got back on the track and dueled with Hustling following in second. The overall road race results showed Chuck Hallum (Associated) way out in front, with Roger Curtis (Associated) 2nd and Ken Campbell (Delta) 3rd.

Overall Grand National Champion

Roger Curtis, 1st (Associated); Dick Dobson, 2nd (Marker); Gene Hustling, 3rd (Associated).

Amateur National Champion

Jim Cade, 1st (Thorp); Bill Vanderziel, 2nd (Associated-Marker); Don Amedo, 3rd (Taurus).

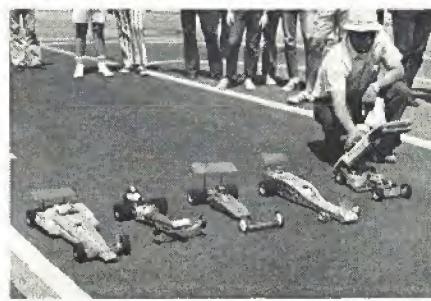
Servo Protection: Several systems have been devised for protecting the steering servo from the loads imposed, especially in the case of accidents. Most methods have the disadvantage of softening the steering response. Thorp and Delta offer units that provide solid steering up to a predetermined load point, and then give to protect the servo. These units have the added advantage of automatic re-set to the normal position. A homemade version can be produced from easily available material.

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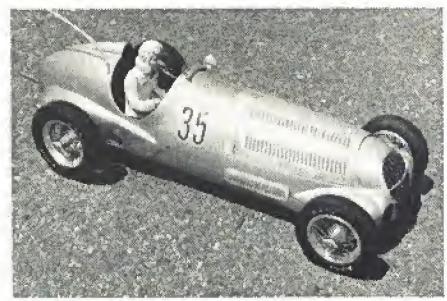
The most happy fellow—Overall Winner Roger Curtis.

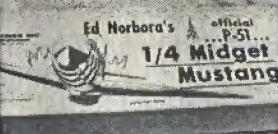
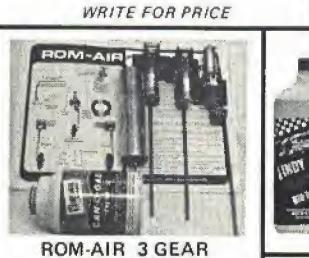
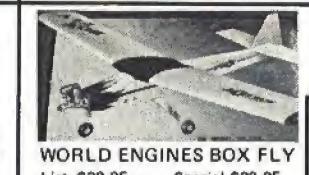
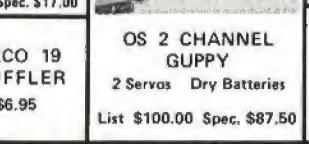
Drag racers range from the purely functional to the very real and scale types. All ran.



Amateur National Champs on the track prepared just for the Nationals. Looks challenging, doesn't it?

Concourse d'Elegance entrant is an old 1930s machine. Yes, it runs.



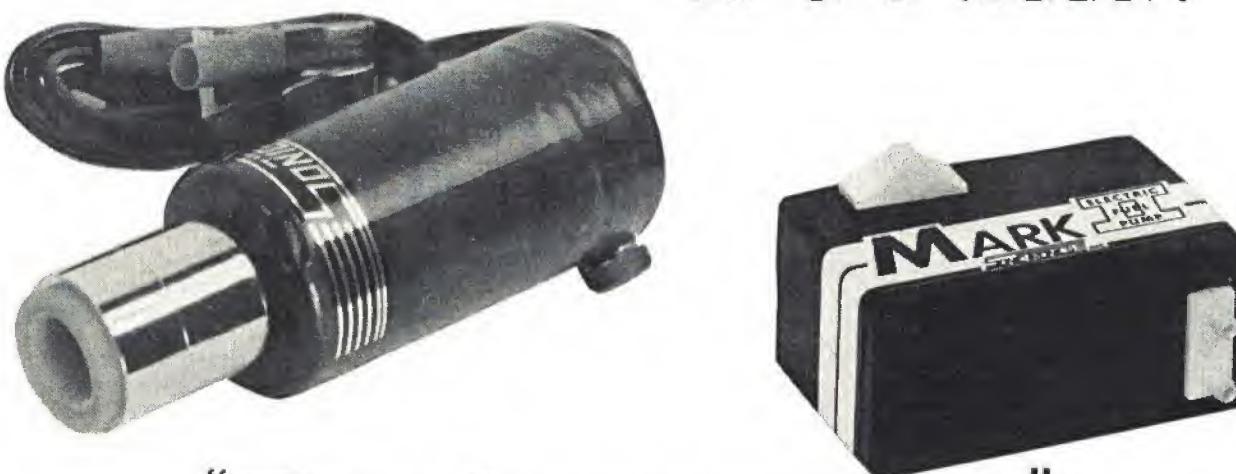
				
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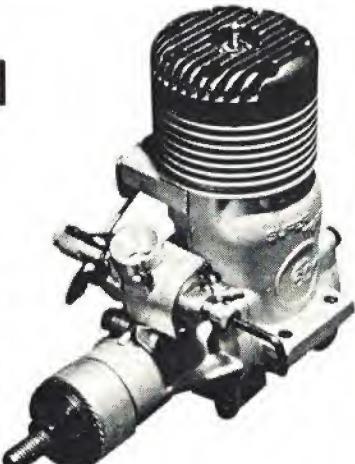


NORM PAGE WITH HIS MACH II

There were three G.60 Supertigre Blue Heads used in the 32 man "Masters Tournament" at Huntsville, September 72. Their users finished 1st, 5th and 8th. The 5th place contestant was young Steve Ellison of Salem, Oregon. 8th place was captured by Dave Brown who surprised the tool room here at

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probably need more turn in the climb or flatten climb angle. Transition to right glide turn is normally very good with this ship. The glide should be slow and floating in calmer air. For rough air, trim the glide a little faster. Experimentation will allow you to add just the right amount of clay behind the timer for turbulent air conditions.

I like to keep my glide turns fairly tight. This helps to keep chases a little shorter and also helps the model stay in a thermal. Don't overdo this though, as you could spiral dive in due to the strong lift and circular airflow effect. About a 200 ft. dia. circle is good. Alter stab tilt to achieve this.

One last word on adjustments. Too much DT stabilizer angle will bring the model down too fast. Forty degrees is plenty. A fast DT could result in structural damage or split covering on the wing upper surfaces.

A few flights will convince you. The larger ships are a lot more fun!

Construction

The trip to the hobby shop for the necessary materials should be preceded by a thorough study of the plans. Wood should be selected with an eye towards its final function in the structure. Pick hard, straight grain material for spars and trailing edges. The wing leading edge should be spruce or at least rock-hard balsa. Rib stock should be medium but avoid soft spongy balsa. Try to obtain 48 in. material for the fuselage to avoid splicing. If this is not possible, angle all splice joints and arrange them in the structure in a staggered fashion to avoid any built-in weak areas.

Begin construction with the wing and stabilizer. These components should be completely finished before proceeding with the fuselage to allow maximum curing time.

It is unlikely that you can find 3/4 x 1/4" TE stock, so this will have to be shaped prior to pinning to wing plan. This will be the only "difficult to locate" wood in the model but is necessary to preserve the airfoil. Shape TE with a razor plane or saw to shape on a table saw. Pin down leading edges and spar stock overlapping as shown. The overlapping spar technique produces extremely strong yet light dihedral joints. You'll like it after you've tried it. I install center section bottom planking at this stage. Install all ribs except dihedral ribs and add tips. When dry remove from plan and add dihedral, tips first, then center section dihedral when dry. Add 1/8" dihedral ribs, 1/8" sq. turbulator spars, gussets and upper center section planking.

The stabilizer construction is basically similar. Notch TE for ribs. Be sure space for rudder is correct by using temporary 1/8 sheet spacers. Do not overlook the wire reinforcement at stab leading edge.

Sand the flying surfaces and coat with two coats clear dope prior to covering. The rudder should be fabricated and covered at this point but not instal-

led until the stab is covered and has two coats of dope.

Cover stab with lightweight silkspan. Cover the wing with medium silkspan and double cover center section and center panels. If you have not used double covering before the procedure is simple. Cover and dope wing in usual manner with at least two coats of clear. Apply second layer of silkspan with grain at right angles to first layer (first layer should be spanwise). Attach at edges only and shrink with water. When dry proceed to dope with thinned dope to achieve bond between covering. This procedure results in a very rough yet light covering. Of course MonoKote or Solarfilm would be fine if you elect to use them.

After doping is completed to your satisfaction, allow to cure two or three days and then steam in the warps called for in the section on flying and allow flying surfaces to cure while fuselage construction proceeds. Check the surfaces periodically to make sure curing is progressing without changes in alignment.

Cut out all fuselage parts and glue up pylon and wing rest prior to shaping. Lay out top fuselage sheeting on plan. Add top longerons, formers, fuselage sides, and bottom longerons. Check frequently for proper alignment. The original ship had the landing gear sandwiched between F1 and F2; however, I would recommend the Tatone free flight mount with landing skid attached. When dry, remove the fuselage assembly from the plan and install pylon and 1/16" plywood timer doubler. Modify a No. 6 Rectank as shown and install on right side of fuselage. Drill firewall former F1 and F2 for engine mount and install blind mounting nuts. Install fuselage bottom. Complete wing rest and stabilizer platforms.

When thoroughly dry, sand corners round as shown on cross sectional view and thoroughly sand entire structure. Brush on two coats of clear dope and cover fuselage with lightweight silkspan. Cover forward section from rear of pylon forward to firewall with lightweight fiberglass cloth. Add dethermalizer hardware and finish fuselage as desired.

Band on stabilizer and check alignment of rudder with pylon using a taut thread. If not in perfect alignment, adjust stab key width and/or slots in fuselage to attain perfect alignment. Band on wing and check distance from tip leading edges to leading edge of rudder at its base. Install half dowel keys to bottom of wing to insure alignment. Install engine, timer, prop, etc. as ready for flight and correct CG to point shown on plan. Give everything a final check and you're ready for testing!

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trailing edge. Also draw lines down the middle of the leading and trailing edge of the wing blank. Sanding the airfoil should be done on a smooth surface. Any glue glob will chew up the under-surface of the wing. This sanding is done with a 3 x 12" block with 60 grit paper glued on one side and 220 grit on the other.

The lines that are drawn on the wing blanks are used as guides to shape the airfoil. As one looks down on the wing, the wood above a plane determined by the line on the leading edge and the forward line on the top of the wing is removed by sanding. The airfoil is shaped by removing these wedge-shaped sections. The center section of the bottom wing is left unsanded where it intersects the fuselage. Rough sand the airfoil by using cross grain strokes with the rough side of the sanding block. Do not sand below the guide lines and leave a 1/16" radius on the leading and trailing edges. Use spanwise strokes with the 60 grit paper to even out any ripples. Now remove any sanding marks with the 220 grit side of the block. Cut the ailerons from the lower wing; then cut the hinge slots and glue the lower wing into the fuselage.

The tail assembly is straightforward. Cut, shape and slot these surfaces for the hinges, then glue the fin and the stab to the fuselage.

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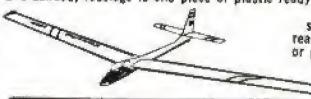


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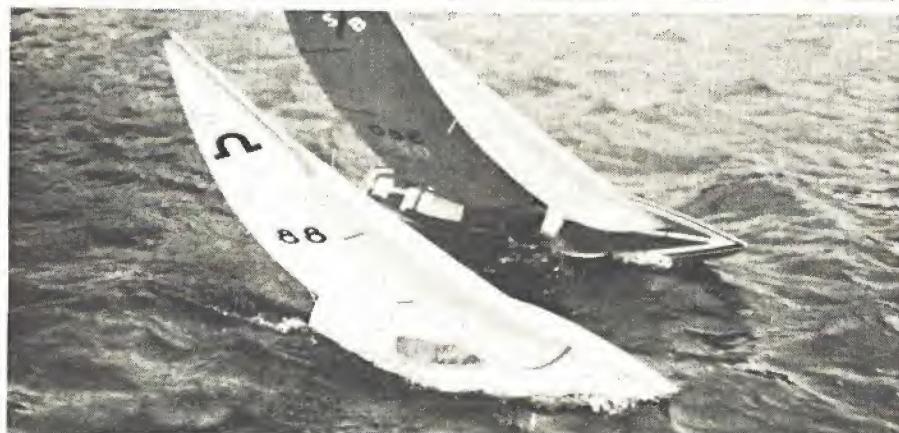
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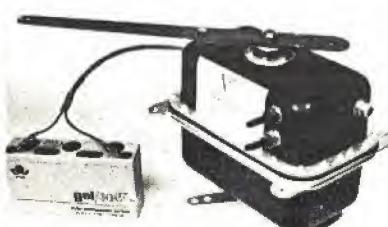
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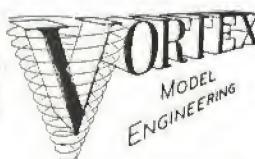
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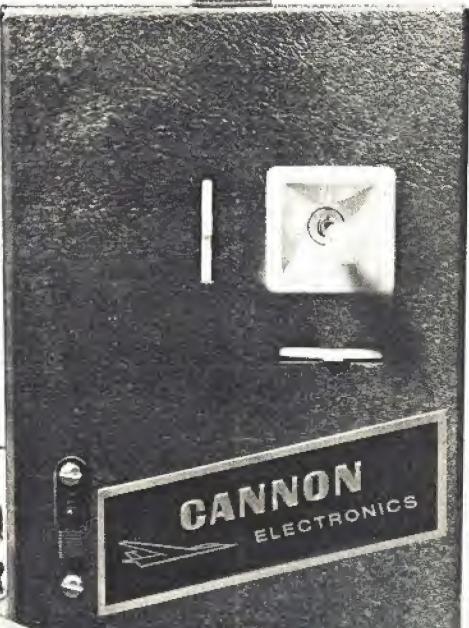
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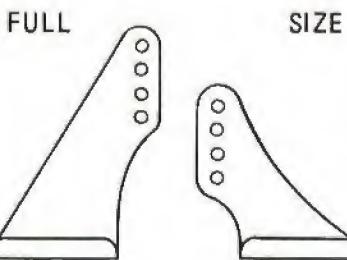
At this point, the plane is completely assembled except for the upper wing and the struts. Check to see that all the controls function properly. The left aileron will not work properly because the horn on the hook is not yet soldered. It can, however, at least be verified that the pushrods are the correct length. Remove all the controls, the motor, tank and landing gear; the model is now ready to finish.

I suppose every flier has his favorite finishing technique. Plain dope is probably adequate, but an epoxy finish will hold up longer when high nitro fuels are used.

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The lines and handle are critical parts of the control system, and no matter how careful a job has been done up to this point, the lines must be cut to the correct length or only frustration will result. The lines must be cut so that the distance from the center of the fuselage to the center of the grip is between 60 and 60.5 ft. First, cut the elevation lines so they satisfy your feel of level. Next, hold the handle in a horizontal position so they satisfy your fell of level. Next, hold the handle in a horizontal position so the elevation lines run parallel all the way to the plane. The



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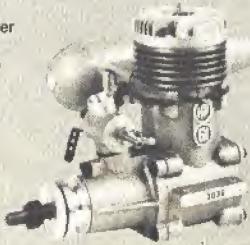
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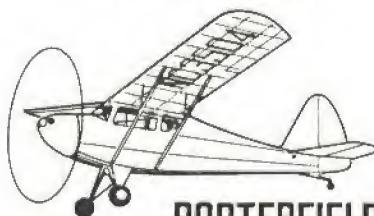
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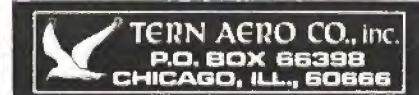
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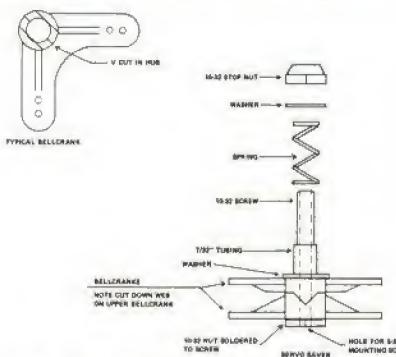
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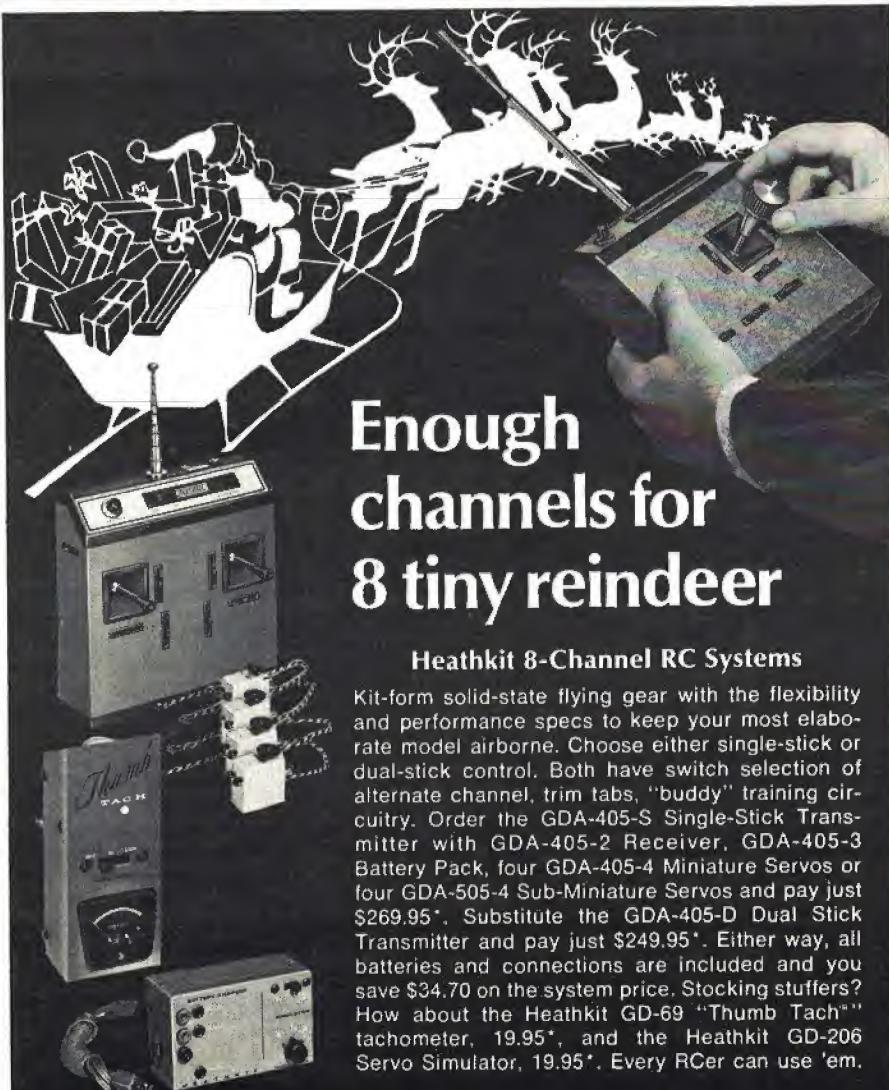
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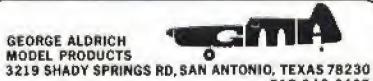


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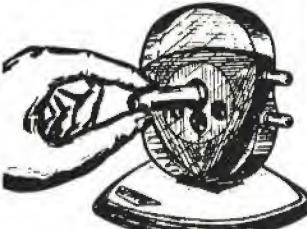


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over his machine. Yet two of the maneuvers were left open to the flyer to choose his own. Gene Rock showed such precision and control in the maneuvers that he won the contest without benefit of scale bonus points or any of the scale type maneuvers.

Horace Hagen flew his Hueycobra to second place. He seemed to have enough fingers to spare one to operate his rescue hoist, lowering it from five feet to the ground. Ernie Huber won third place with his timing belt special. While cruising around after his official flight, one of Ernie's belts started to let go. Before he got it down, the belt went completely and he made another "autorotative landing." Some of the fellows tried to earn points for "scale crash," but either failed to announce it before hand, or had it out of proper order in the program.

Ray Jaworski improved so tremendously since the Nats competition that he made fourth place, doing a pretty good job of the hovering maneuvers, right slide, etc. Once he almost clobbered his caller, Gene. But Gene, knowing the sting of rotor blades, made a neat dive and escaped. And in fifth place was "Never Say Die" Sweeney, who with his own private non-exclusive frequency had more flights and more crashes per hour than any other man living. Latest word from him is that a new minimum friction teetering spring on his rotor hub is now giving him the proper feedback force from rotor to fuselage and he is once again flying under control. After some emergency overnight repairs to its tall rotor, Square Table made one flight on Sunday. A sticky tall rotor control made the chopper take an unplanned diving swoop at the judges.

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But she recovered in time, made a wobbly half turn to the left and plopped down on the edge of the runway with no damage. Really, the model is flying extremely well now, and climbs like an express elevator.

Considering the primitive state of model helicopters, it would have been nice to have a couple hours for trimming, adjusting, and getting the feel of the model. However, this was impossible with another contest going on simultaneously. As the art is advanced and skills are perfected there will be less need for adjustments beyond a last minute touch on the needle valve. How about four Heathkit Servo Simulators and some long wires for a pre-contest warmup?

For anyone planning to build Square Tubie, from the sketch in last month's column, I recommend lengthening the fuselage by moving everything ahead of the rotor shaft forward two inches. This puts the CG just about on the rotor shaft. The integral fuel tank was replaced by a 10 oz. square tank (Pylon brand) placed crosswise with the ends visible, showing how much fuel remains. Aluminum hubs or thick bushings are needed on the two plastic pulleys of the second stage to give the setscrews a firm grip on flats filed in the shaft. Also aluminum baffles inside the fan shroud force cooling air to pass close to the cylinder and head and the Murphy muffler.

Get Ready: Bob Lopshire, AMA publicity, tells of a mammoth RC show at the Philadelphia Commercial Museum for four weeks starting March 23, 1974. Mostly static display, but some demonstrations are planned. Since there is a helicopter category, they would likely be wanted in the demonstrations. Some fantastic prizes will be offered. Get busy—it's only a little over a year from now.

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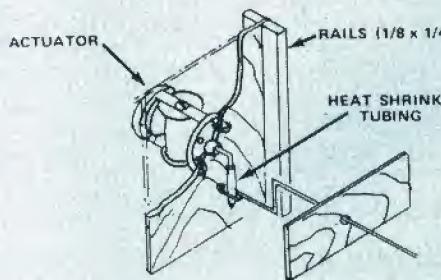
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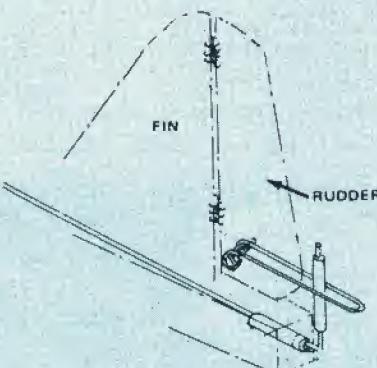
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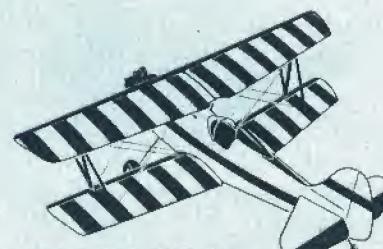
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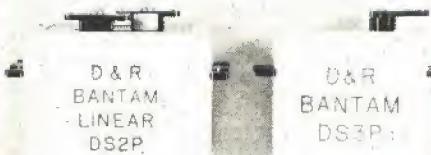
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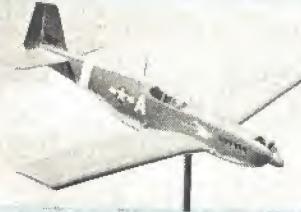
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The photo above is the "Tall Texan", a sort of scale using two sections of the Ace taper foam wing and one section of constant chord. Real beauty, simple construction AND good flying characteristics, are features of this design by John Chapis. Will be published in RC Modeler in 1973.

Speaking of RCM, did you read the article in the December issue on "Pulse Proportional 1972"? If you didn't, we urge you to get a copy. It's well worth your while and it tells the pulse story like it is.



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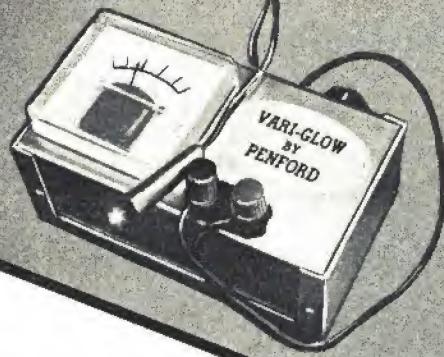
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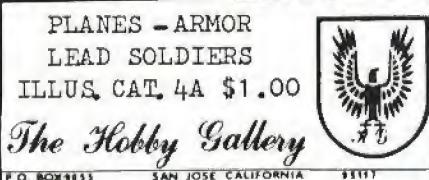
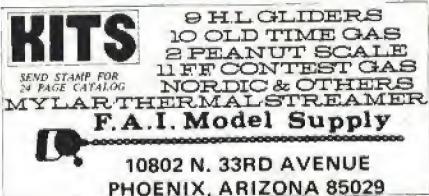
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VIPER (Continued from page 40)

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BLUE RIBBON PART I

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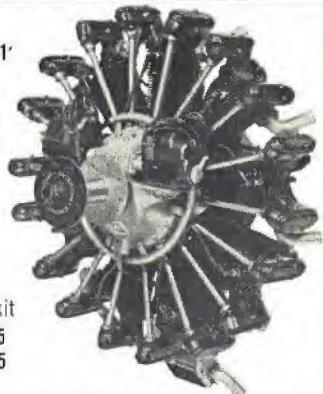
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lever protruding from the top of the knob. This is convenient since the right hand need not be removed from the stick to trim the rudder. Elevator trim is located at the right hand end of the transmitter and may be reached with the index finger of the left hand. Aileron trim is at the top of the case where the left thumb rests. At this point, room becomes a problem; the fifth channel is located on the lower right hand end of the case and necessitates either using the right hand for fifth channel (e.g., for flaps) or shifting the left hand to reach. The sixth channel is unique in that it is a toggle switch used for landing gear. Lest the preceding seem a bit tutorial, let us point out that we occasionally are criticized for failing to take into account the many newcomers who utterly fail to figure out where all these controls are by looking at the pictures.

Since the transmitter was on the 72 MHz band, the antenna is base loaded and is one full wavelength. Electronically, the transmitter is quite similar to the previous Orbit designs. Frame rate is approximately 50 per second. The transmitter operates on 9.6 volts with a radiated output of 350 milliwatts. Note that this is radiated output; input to the final is about 800 milliwatts.

Encoding is on a board separate from the RF board and consisting of discrete components. A free running multivibrator sets the frame rate and is followed by six half-shots for the six channels.

We were pleased to note that the new Orbit set uses an external, transformer isolated, dual-output charger rather than the earlier voltage dropping unit built into the case. This is much safer and more flexible—transmitters and airborne packs may be charged independently. Each transmitter has a buddy box arrangement and can be used as a master or trainer.

The receiver has undergone significant redesign. Nominal voltage is 4.8V, but the design permits full flight range on just 3.6V. All components are located on one board now instead of using a small top deck for the decoder. Our 1970 set used three dual J-K flip flops in flat packs for decoding. This has been replaced with an eight bit shift register in a 14 pin dual in-line pack which permits the change to a single deck. Receiver connections are made via miniature plug blocks.

The servo amplifier is a completely new design which incorporates an IC servo amplifier manufactured for Orbit by Texas Instruments. This is a bridge amplifier containing all the active components. Approximately twelve external passive components (resistors, and capacitors) are used for design optimization.

One item of note was the use of a 67 microfarad capacitor no bigger than a small grain of corn for power supply filtering at the servo. This appears to eliminate some of the hum heard from a number of other IC amplifiers examined. The no-load current drain for each amplifier is seven milliamps. Thus the no-load current drain for six servos and the receiver is approximately 90 milliamperes.

Orbit also presented a new 180° travel servo for evaluation. It is based on the use of the same amplifier but uses a feedback potentiometer modified to act as a limit switch thus assuring full saturated servo output drive until full travel is reached. This is a very powerful servo which exhibits over 0.9 in.-lb. of torque at any point in its travel.

The system includes complete mounting trays, mounting grommets and hardware, variety of servo output arms and wheels, and a frequency flag. The physical data and test characteristics are shown in Figure 1 and in the table. Operation was verified to be satisfactory at 0°F and at 150°F. The thrust measured for six servos, and the average, is shown in the table.

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Characteristics - Orbit 6-12

Dimensions*

Transmitter

8W x 6-3/8H x 2-1/8T

Receiver

2-5/8L x 1-9/16W x 13/16H

Servos (PS-6)**

2-1/8H x 3/4W x 2L

Airborne Battery pack

(four 450 mah cells)

2-5/16 x 2-5/16 x 5/8

Total airborne weight

Approximately 12 ounces with 4 servos

Transmitter output

300 mw radiated

Receiver sensitivity

Approximately 2uV

Servo Thrust

2.8 lb. at 9/32 radius

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0.8 in.-lb.

System Accuracy

(End-to-End)

See Figure

* Dimensions—Inches

** Length includes mounting lugs, height includes output arm.

BLUE RIBBON PART II

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Finishing a fiberglass airplane takes a little different method. The wings and stab were silked over wood. The control surfaces were finished with Francis resin and dope. The fuselage posed another problem. The seam line on the fuselage was sanded smooth and then filled with spackling compound. This makes for a seamless looking joint. Sand the fuselage with 320 wet to get a surface that will hold the dope.

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Incidentally, this writeup primarily concerns the Intruder with fixed gears. I have 1 1/4" nose and 2 1/2" main wheels on it. The other two Intruders have Goldberg and Rom-Air retracts respectively.

I hope that those of you who chose this project are as happy and satisfied as I am. I have two Intruders and a third one on the way.

MARONEY

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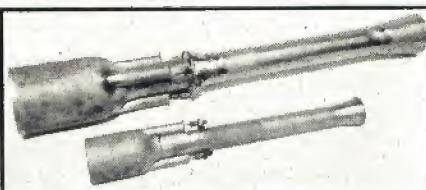
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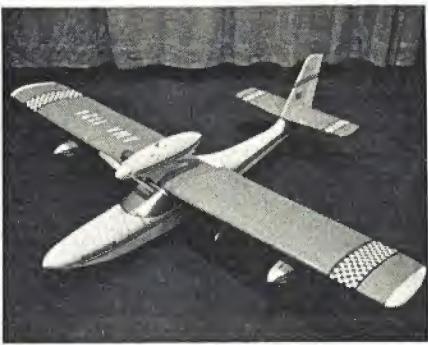
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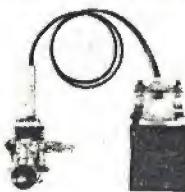
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We already know that modelers are an affluent bunch, well educated, and generally between 20 to 50 years of age. They are good spenders. The following chart relates the above list into buying power for each group. Please note the total spent. These figures are related to the total AAM readership based on single copy sales average. In addition, the retail value of sales as published in *Craft, Model and Hobby World* for modeling in 1971 was \$200 million.

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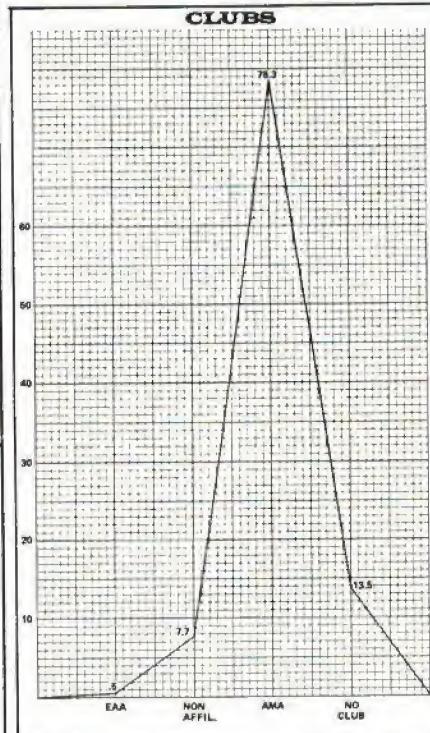
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Here I sit, pen in hand (a rather crippled hand), thinking that I must have been a little off my gourd to have suggested a Readership Survey. I did not think that we would receive such a response. Work makes me break out in a cold sweat.

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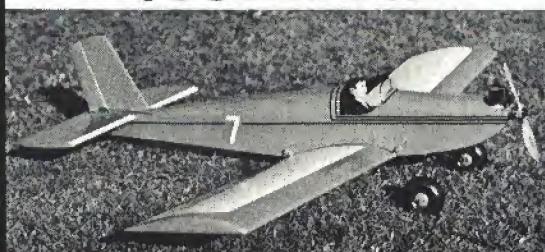
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actually loses 7.6 cents per copy for AMA members. Much greater income and profit is gained from newsstand copy sales, hobby shop sales, and direct subscriptions. Nearly all the present AMA members are former AAM readers. In other words, they now get their copies at cost and the magazine makes nothing on the sale. Furthermore, subscriptions and renewals of subscriptions especially are a magazine's best income-making source, even this is given up in selling copies to an association. In addition, the magazine bears all costs for production and printing the eight-page section. AMA supplies the raw copy, AAM typesets this copy, AMA does the layout, then AAM's art department prepares this for the printer. Of course there is some return for all this giving. AAM has built up the world's largest model magazine readership and good advertising support as a result.

AAM's relationship with the AMA came about because of my belief that a strong AMA is good for the entire industry. A strong industry is good for the magazine. Family ties and a long-time friendship with AMA were very much a part of the reasons, I know that these feelings will always be there.

Thank you again for your nice letter.

Ed Sweeney
 Editor and Publisher, AAM

Czech modeler seeks

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I am a recent Ph.D. graduate of New York University. In preparing for publication of my first post-graduate essay, I have made the trans-oceanic acquaintance of a young Czech, Jaromir Jindrich, age 36, whose father is curator of the famed regional museum which is named in honor of their 19th-century kinsman with the redundant name of Jindrich Jindrich.

This is an extremely distinguished family, well-known to every Czech person, and perhaps the equivalent in Czechoslovakia of the American descendants of Benjamin Franklin. In addition to collecting and publishing virtually all the Czech folk songs, the patriarch Jindrich may also have aided the

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famous composer Peter Tchaikovsky in putting together his Symphony No. 6 (Pathétique), and it was so as to study this aspect that I first made contact with the Jindrichs.

After having provided me with extensive information on my topic, the younger Jindrich wanted me to help him in return. He has desired that I request a pen pal for him in your magazine, being a devoted fan of model aircraft. Is it possible that you could aid Mr. Jindrich in finding pen pals of your subscribers who represent the most competent devotees in America of the aspects of model aircraft in which he is most interest, i.e., CL Stunt and FF FAI Gliders, exchange of magazines, in English. His address is Machova 149, Domazlice, Czechoslovakia.

I myself am completely foreign to the topic of model aircraft, but I have noted down a few of the names of persons given in recent issues of your magazine who would seem to be promising candidates for becoming acquainted, through Mr. Jindrich, with the Czech scene: Gerry Geraghty (AMA 37258), of San Jose, California, who uses Czech models, and Danny Bartley of High Point, North Carolina, the national champion of CL (I don't know if this is the same as CL Stunt!). These are the only two people I have located in issues at the nearest library.

It would be quite nice if some assistance could be furnished to the younger Jindrich through your auspices.

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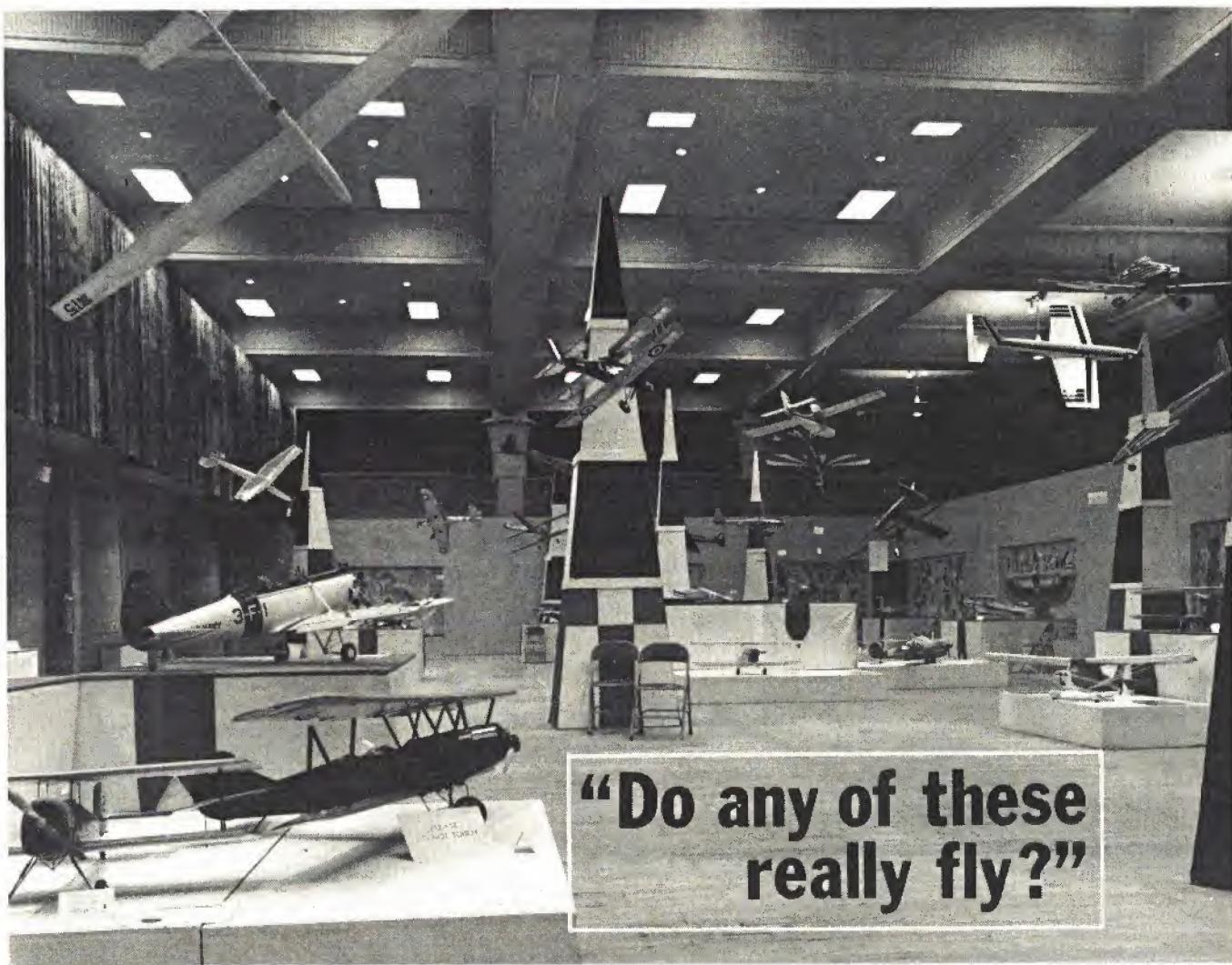
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Winter is an excellent time for clubs and club members to engage in modeling promotions on a local basis. A tie-in with a shopping center or a large store yields obvious benefits for both the commercial concerns and the area's modelers. Read the John Wanamaker Contest report by AMA Public Relations Director Bob Lopshire for tips on how to do it plus a few pitfalls to avoid.

For twelve days the public flowed through the department store auditorium, some quickly, most slowly, some silently studying, others making excited noises at each stop—and almost all had questions, the most often asked being, "Do any of these really fly?"

The occasion was John Wanamaker's "Concours d'Elegance For Remote Control Aircraft," and the object of all the study, excited conversation, and questions were the fifty-three Radio Control planes on display in a unique contest designed to acquaint the

public with RC activity on a firsthand basis, as well as provide a mid-winter activity for clubs in the Philadelphia area.

Along with the public asking if any of the planes really flew, the next most asked question was, "How much do they cost?" Upon hearing that simple outfits could be purchased for roughly \$70, and that the all-out rigs went for around \$500, including the kit for the plane, many grandparents decided RC planes were THE thing for their grandchildren (!) and many wives decided that now they knew what to get old sourpuss for Christmas next year.



Most people wanted to know, once assured that the planes did indeed fly, where they could see them fly, and while all were carefully given directions, one family posed a bit of a problem. They were from Michigan, far from downtown Philadelphia. This one was soon resolved, though, when they said that they lived in the Dearborn area. They were given the name of an AMA officer (Jack Jossatis) who runs a hobby shop in that area.

The questions went on to include technical ones by engineers, and some truly original ones by little old ladies who wanted to know how the planes could fly the Atlantic and where they landed on the other side, where the pilot sat, and declarations that no wonder the airmail service is so bad what with so little room to carry letters. One woman said that she had seen the things flying, and now that she knew they were radio controlled, she better understood why they had those two wires going to them from the ground: they were to carry the electricity for the radio...

Of great puzzlement to the uninitiated was the difference between building from plans and building from a kit. To them, a kit had to be something like a Revell or Monogram plastic model kit—all the parts finished and ready to quickly glue together. Even with one plane sitting on a stand sans "clothing" so that all could see the construction, most people were convinced that it was some sort of freak, and that all the other planes were a magic combination of plastic prefabrication. No amount of explanation could convince many that such was not the case, even when taken to ships sporting a transparent MonoKote skin where the balsa frame shone bravely through. The perfection of the builders had them baffled, and several boys, out to impress their girl friends, assured their darlings that the planes were all made in a factory in Japan.

A film of ABC's Wide World of Sports TV coverage of the 1967 Nats in California was shown daily to create further interest in the show, and after watching the Pylon Races in the film, the audiences went back to inspecting the display with renewed vigor. By Golly! The things do fly!

There were eight categories of competition, with Wanamaker awarding trophies to



Scale and semi-scale airplanes are the types that the general spectator can identify with and appreciate most at exhibitions. Model shown is the 1938 Waco entered in the Wanamaker Contest by Adam Schaeffer, Jr., of the AMA chartered Valley Forge Signal Seekers.

the first place winners and AMA giving certificates of award to first through third places. The largest plane award was won by Dick Cannavvo of the Philadelphia Rangers with a Custom Cavalier. Smallest was easily taken by Dan McClain of the Valley Forge Signal Seekers with his 6" (yes, INCH) span Gnat biplane. Pattern was won by Bud Phillips of the Rangers with his Twister (He also took third place with his Grouper). Sport category was won by Rudy Black of the Delaware RC Club with an original make-believe mail plane (not much room for letters though), Pylon by Bill Moffa of the Philadelphia Rangers with a Minnow, Sailplane by Helmut Hess of the Bucks Country RC Club with a Windward, Howie O'Keefe's P-51, "Miss America," took first place in Scale for Henry Haffke of the Misguided Missiles of New Jersey, and no one had doubts when Dick Francis won first place in the Most Unusual Flying Object category with his "Flying Blind" an eight-winged plane that was evidently Venetian in origin (Dick wisely supplied in-flight photos that turned off all the doubting Thomases).

Among the fifty-three planes entered, almost every category and type was represented in the turnout, including the big show stopper for pilots, engineers, and the like... Carl Cantera's Huey Cobra. While Carl was a nervous wreck for the entire period of the show, figuring that someone would get the complex gadget completely out of whack, it went untouched. In spite of the confusion on the part of some as to whether the planes were made in a factory in Japan or not, the public did respect the fact that, however made, there was a lot of work involved. A few kids, as expected, did touch, but for the most part, even the youngsters respected the work and love involved in each creation and kept their hands where they were told... in their pockets.

At a relatively slow point in the crowd flow, a German couple came into the large auditorium that housed the show and proceeded to slowly study each entry. They were quite serious and meditative, exchanging comments from time to time about various planes

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Above: Another view of the display in the Wanamaker Auditorium. A combination of hanging and platform displays provided good visibility of the airplanes. Right: 1931 Curtiss-Wright Junior took 2nd place in the Concours d'Elegance judging for Scale. Builder is Graham Lomax of the Delaware Radio Control Club of Wilmington.





NEWS

Magazines & Membership

RC Modeler magazine has attacked the decisions of AMA's Executive Council (see Dec. '72 AAM-AMA News Section) relating to magazines purchased for AMA members and the effect upon the 1973 AMA dues increase. AMA chartered clubs got the other side of the story in recent mailings.

If you belong to a chartered club, be sure to ask your officers to read this informative piece or to make it available for individual members to read.

If you're not a club member and want to know the whole magazine story, send a pre-addressed, stamped (8 cent) return envelope to AMA HQ, and ask for a reprint of "The Magazine Controversy."

Meanwhile, membership renewals for 1973 are pouring into AMA headquarters at a rate equal to last year's record-breaking pace.

Indoor Electrics

No more "slow" winter months for the AMA chartered Lake Erie Gas Model Club

Pete Hendricks' Stearman PT-17 Sport Scale model is built from Sterling kit, ST power.



Left: Winner of the FAI class of the AMA sanctioned West Coast RC Scale Championships last August was Mel Ford's Taube, Bird-like airplane model has exceptionally slow flight. Submitted by M.B. Groves. **Middle:** Dan Frey, age 15, obviously likes the profile Me. 109—for CL Stunt and Slow Combat. He's a member of the Circle Airs Club of Wauwatosa, Wis. Submitted by Donald Hoover. **Right:** Contest Director Bud Tenny presents awards to Junior Easy B Indoor event winners of the 1972 Spring Jubilee Meet at Dallas. Shown (L-R) are Tenny; Jimmy Clem, Dallas; Mark Kilgo, Garland; Ian Yanagisawa, Dallas.

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(Ohio) whose members have re-discovered electric power for models flown indoors from a pylon. Fishing line is used to tether the models, with power from an HO model railroad power pack being transmitted through light-weight wires. At the pylon a sliding brush arrangement is used for coupling the power pack to the wires; at the airplane end all the club members have standard miniature two prong connectors—for interchangeability of models.

Most club members have been using an inexpensive slot car motor which is said to provide power at least comparable to that of an .020 engine, but suitable for indoor flying. The motors weigh just under two ounces. Thus mounting must be near the center-of-gravity if proper balance is to be maintained.

These electric planes may be flown from a tether as short as 6 feet, but a much longer tether may be used if more space is available. According to LEGMC Secretary Dick Woodward (AMA 36375) whose words appeared in the newsletter of the Cleveland Aeromodel Society, these models are also ideal for public displays.

Christmas Model Gifts

That time of year when parents and grandparents are apt to be giving ready-built airplanes to youngsters is right around the corner, and many AMA chartered clubs are already preparing for it. The idea, which has much appeal to the press and thereby obtains good publicity for the club and modeling in general, is for a club to conduct a clinic for those boys and girls who are given ready-built CL models for Christmas—to teach them how to start and operate the engines and how to fly the airplanes.

But don't expect the publicity to come without some work. Let your plans be known to the newspapers, radio and TV stations, and also post signs at hobby shops and any of the other stores selling this kind of model.

Among the clubs hosting such clinics last Christmas was the AMA chartered Tulsa Glue Dobbers. Twenty-five "pupils" registered for their two-hour course, the majority in the 9-12 age bracket. Each had at least one flight, and some had as many as three—interspersed with club members flying their own aircraft to show and to interest the newcomers in more advanced airplanes.

Two Tulsa papers had extensive articles concerning the demonstration a few days before the date, and one of the papers had a nice pictoral follow-up afterwards. Two TV stations showed flights and interviews that evening. Great PR!

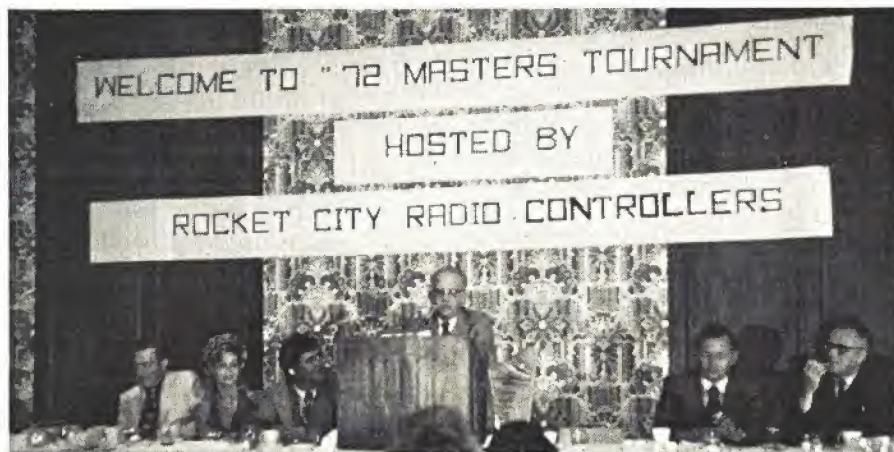
Left: Christmas food boxes for needy families is a community project of the Sky Devils CL Club of Kansas City. Walt Garret photo. **Below:** On behalf of the GSLMA Bob Underwood (R) presented a token of thanks to G.A. Buder, Jr., whose family donated land for the St. Louis Buder Park RC and CL flying field.





Congratulations to Our U.S. Air-Modeling Teams

Saturday night banquet at the RC Masters, AMA President John Clemens at the rostrum preparatory to presenting the President's Award to the host Rocket City Radio Controllers. Seated at the head table (L-R): Huntsville Mayor Joe Davis, Mrs. Gary Martin, Gary Martin, Maynard Hill, John Patton. Martin is president of the Rocket City Club. Hill and Patton, together with Tom Rankin, formed the Competition Jury.



PRESIDENT'S MEMO

Our entire AMA membership and the whole United States should be bursting with pride over the showing our American modelers have made in World Championship events this year. We sent a Control Line team to Finland, a Scale model team to France and an Indoor team to England—all for World Championships competition. Since the results of these meets have been reported elsewhere I will simply say that I would, as president of AMA, like to thank and congratulate the members of those teams and their managers for representing the AMA membership and the United States so ably and honorably. It is sure a good feeling to be on the same "46,000-member team" with these folks! Now to project forward.

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY—and the RC MASTERS TEAM SELECTION. We went to Huntsville, Alabama, to watch 32 of the world's finest Radio Control flyers compete for a place on the team of three who will represent AMA and the United States in the Radio Control World Championships to be held NEXT YEAR in Italy. In all of AMA's activities around the country during AMA's many years, I don't think there has ever been such warm welcoming and fine hospitality as we found in the heart of the South there in Huntsville! The host club, the Rocket City Radio Controllers, went "all-out". My first clue to this was when the plane that Don Downing and I were on arrived two-and-a-half hours late—with the airport over twenty miles from Huntsville and the plane that far off schedule, we were smilingly met at the airport gate by a Rocket City Club member! He drove us to the headquarters motel after gathering up our baggage—all but Don's competition plane, which had been lost in the flight delay.

Accommodations were excellent and the prices right. The flying site was ideal, and the meet itself was beautifully run. The banquet on Saturday night at the Sheraton Motor Inn was delightful, and lent a dignity to air-mod-

eling that we are eagerly seeking. Mayor Joe Davis of Huntsville was on hand to extend the city's welcome to those of us who were truly from all over the entire United States. I personally had the pleasure of presenting my own tribute, the President's Award, to the Rocket City Radio Controllers through their president, Gary Martin. Gary asked Mayor Davis for the trophy to be placed in the Huntsville City Hall.

As for the flying in the Masters, well it was simply the world's best flyers picking their own team of three special flyers to represent the United States. Competition went "right down to the wire," and I think the resulting team is excellent. Jim Whitley's previous team experience and precision should be a great aid to the other two "real comers," Norm Page and Jim Martin. I am just full of pride and excitement over our new team!

Summarizing the Masters, my congratulations and best wishes on behalf of AMA's 46,000 members to the new U.S. Pattern RC Team! And our congratulations to the Rocket City RC Modelers for having so effectively called the country's attention to air-modeling in the Southeast of these United States.

The RC Masters was the best example yet of teamwork between AMA as a national organization and one of our chartered clubs, AMA HQ and AMA-FAI officers, particularly Team Program Administrator Tom Rankin (now team manager), worked for many months in advance with Rocket City Club officials. Altogether about 15 AMA officials, including 10 judges from all parts of the U.S., joined in this big effort to produce a miniature version of a world championships. All involved deserve a big hand for helping to make this a most professional event. Our thanks also to Huntsville's Mayor Davis for hosting those of us from the rest of the country. As Jim Kirkland said to me, "How's it feel to be in God's country?"

A PLEASANT SUBJECT FOR A FUTURE "PRESIDENT'S MEMO." It is a beautiful thing to see more and more of the wives and families entering into modeling and AMA's activities. It is especially handsome to

see the wives taking over many of the official chores and offices of the model clubs, and working in the operation of many of the contests. We even have a bunch of ladies as official AMA Contest Directors. More about this later, you darlings!

AMA DUES INCREASE. Considering that we are getting some letters of deep protest to the announced AMA dues increase, I thought it might be appropriate to repeat my remarks from the September AMA Monthly Mailing, which goes to chartered clubs. The dues increase was voted by the Executive Council (which included a voting representative from YOUR DISTRICT) after long and searching consideration. The increase is actually overdue by about two years, considering the continual increases in simple cost-of-operation that AMA has faced. The darned machine simply won't run without money! AMA is being forced to face ever-increasing responsibilities, and is working hard to provide more services and protections. And we simply can't expect quality people to work in our office, and responsible companies (insurance, attorneys, and so forth) to serve us without our meeting the universally increased costs that they face.

While reading the letters of protest (comparatively few actually) about the dues increase, I am wondering if those same people have written indignant letters to their grocer, the landlord, the auto manufacturers, the clothing manufacturers, the airlines, Disneyland, Six Flags, the magazines, and the local movie when they raised their prices! The dues asked are really a small amount to support all the pleasures and privileges of organized modeling; so come on, let's ante in and quit griping. Remember that even postage stamps have gone up in price SEVERAL TIMES since our last dues raise, and AMA uses A BUNCH OF STAMPS!

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John E. Clemens
AMA President



RC MASTERS

Thirty-two of the nation's best RC Pattern flyers assembled in Huntsville, Ala., last September 22-24 for the RC Masters Team Selection Tournament which was organized by the AMA, sponsored by members of the RC industry and hosted by the AMA chartered Rocket City Radio Controllers. At stake were the three highly prized positions on the U.S. team for the 1973 RC Aerobatic World Championships planned for Gorizia, Italy, next September.

Last month's "AMA News Extra", page 103, gave the basic placing information for all the entrants. The pictures this month are of the winners and some of the others who worked hard to earn the privilege of competing.

Some have said that of all the RC contests held in the U.S., including the Nats, the most seriously attended and contested was this year's RC Masters. And it was a great contest, an example for future major modeling events to shoot for in quality. A great team has been chosen to represent the U.S.!



Above: the U.S. 1973 RC Aerobatic World Championships team. L-R: Jim Whitley, Team Manager Tom Rankin, Norm Page and Jim Martin. If you guessed that their respective planes are the Daddy Rabbit, Mach I and Banshee, you're right! Rankin, who was named to the team manager post in accordance with procedures described in the July 1972 AAM, served as administrator of both the current and previous RC team programs.



Left: William Richards, 18, (R) checks throttle in preparation for official flight. His dad holds the Mach I as Huntsville official checks time. He placed 20th.



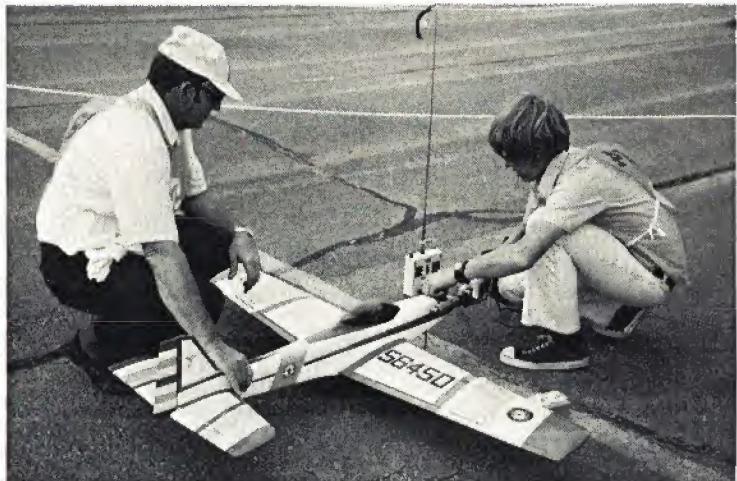
Above: AMA film producer Jay Gerber records flight by Don Coleman and his Sweetater—16th place. Below: Two Rocket City RC'ers man the instant-relay scoreboards, an innovation by Jay Gerber first tried with great success at this year's Nats.



Jim Kirkland cranks up under watchful eye of official who has started time. Kirkland's own design plane is named Nutcracker.



Above: Alan Dupler (L) placed 13th with his own design Trion. Below: Two-time World Champ Doc Brooke placed 9th.



Above: Painting by AMA PR Director Bob Lopshire (ctr.) for Masters Program cover was raffled off to help contest expenses (it about broke even). Don Downing was the lucky winner—presentation by Mrs. Don Bowman.



Right: Jerry Worth, assisted by Mike Mueller, prep's for flight—29th place. Pantera X-9 won Toledo Design 1st.

AMA Renewal Time

DECEMBER 15 IS CRITICAL DEADLINE TO RENEW AMA MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT LOSING SERVICE, MAGAZINES.

Owing to the publication lead time, the very least to be expected for members whose renewal applications are received by AMA HQ after this time is that their March American Aircraft Modeler will reach them late. This is because the March issue is mailed in January, and the address tapes of AMA members are prepared for the publisher during December.

Those who wait until after the critical deadline will have 1973 subscriptions initiated from scratch—just like new members, with a six week lag in magazine renewal service.

The February AAM, which is printed and mailed in December, is the last magazine to be mailed to 1972 AMA members—all 1972 memberships expire December 31, 1972.

Renewal notices were mailed to 1972 members in early October. Any AMA member

who has not received his 1973 bill for dues by the time this issue reaches newsstands should notify AMA HQ immediately.

Thinking of joining AMA for the first time? Right now (by December 15) is the best time to do so because, by joining early you will receive maximum value—12 issues of American Aircraft Modeler plus all AMA benefits during each month of 1973. Use the handy form on page 103.

New for '73

Two very useful additions to the AMA membership package this year are a full color vinyl AMA Bumper Sticker/Safety Code and a collection of more than 20 coupons for free and special introductory reduced rate offers from model industry firms—both exclusively for AMA members.

The special coupon offer was conceived by AMA HQ as a cooperative effort with the industry to make it easier for AMA members to sample sponsors' products or to obtain special benefits and services. The effort recognizes AMA members as the leaders among all modelers. The total value offered amounts to more than \$30 in savings!



Above: Lew Penrod, assisted by brother Dick, flew a Tiger Tail to 17th. Left: Another Tiger Tail placed Steve Ellison (R) 5th, just short of team—assisted by Whitley.



FAA Advisory Circular and AMA Insurance

Publication of the Federal Aviation Administration Model Aircraft Operating Standards in AAM (November, page 49) and in other magazines, plus direct distribution to all AMA members, has raised the question of effect on AMA insurance. In particular, members want to know if AMA insurance remains in force should a model happen to fly higher than 400 feet—the maximum height specified in the circular.

The answer is that failure to follow the advice of the FAA circular will not invalidate AMA liability insurance.

Does this mean that there is no need to follow the FAA standards? Not at all! In fact it is absolutely essential that we each do everything within our power to conduct our operations so as to eliminate any dangerous situations between models and full scale aircraft. This must be done to assure the future well being of model flying activities.

The AMA recommendation is to follow the FAA Model Aircraft Operating Standards, including the maximum flight altitude, whenever possible and especially when flying models in an area where nearby flight of full-scale aircraft might be expected. In such a situation, models should not be operated unless the flyer has someone else with him for the sole purpose of watching for full-scale aircraft and supervising the flying so as to prevent accident possibilities. In addition in such situations, if you are expecting to fly a model higher than 400 feet, it is strongly recommended that you first notify the nearest FAA airport control tower or air route traffic control center.

WANAMAKER SHOW

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and evidently enjoying the display as if in a museum of art...until they reached an Eindecker entered by a youngster in a club to the north of Philadelphia. The couple went into hysterics and finally, when the woman could catch her breath, she approached the AMA member on duty to explain that the German WW I plane had a string of victory flags painted on the side of his plane...all WW II GERMAN flags. Believe it or not, they were the ONLY people to spot this, and the show was seen by MANY modelers! (Heinrich, deuter guys duzzn't like dat you fly mit dem.) "Vy nodt? I Godt bad bretd or sumsing?" Nein dumkopf! You godt bad aim!"

A great number of truly outstanding planes turned out for the show, such as Bob Karlsson's PT-19, Rudy Black's E-2, an ersatz mail plane that looked like it was a real Scale effort, Don Mill's Gere Sport that had metal-work beyond belief, (it lost out in Scale because of a covering material that Don is still cursing...it sagged miserably just before judging, as did some of the other "easy-to-use materials". Matter of fact, most of the planes covered with the "miracle" coverings were a sad mess by the end of the show, due to the cold display auditorium. Back to the ironing board...).

So how did all this come to be? It all began as a two-fold idea, a promotion for the store of course, but one originally suggested by AMA, as a promotion for the then coming RC World Championships in Doylestown, Pa., September of 1971. The store management decided that with other promotions running for the Championships, they would like to do something entirely different, and since they had wanted an aviation display for years, they would make this into something special. While material was sent out that tied the contest to the Championships, new material sent out updated the event to February of 1972 as a month-long contest. As with all large organizations, though, communications got a bit snarled, and the final outcome was a shorter than announced contest time of two weeks of display to the public. This shifting of times caused considerable confusion to the clubs invited, mainly because clubs meet but once a month, and club secretaries don't always pass on all the nitty-gritty they receive.

Because it was decided to include all clubs within a 100-mile radius of Philadelphia, and roughly 175 clubs were involved in the invitations, each club was limited to a maximum of five entries; this was based on the idea that if half the invited participated, there would be close to 500 planes for the show! Wanamaker has a large auditorium, but 500 would more than fill it. That one-tenth of the expected entries arrived was a bit disappointing, but only to AMA and Wanamakers. The public was thrilled and RC made a giant step forward in the Philadelphia area.

Why the low turnout? Several reasons. Apathy on the part of many clubs which failed to see the value of "selling" RC to the general public for their own good, the hard-to-reach center city location of John Wanamakers' main store, the fear of some clubs that their efforts would not be good enough, the skimpy prize list. Some clubs not receiving the mailed-out material as sent by Wanamaker and AMA due to the changing of club officers at year's end, and finally, the threat of a snow storm that hung over the area on the day the planes were due for delivery to the store.

Another factor was learned from hindsight: the area of participation sought was too large, combined with an unnecessary restriction on the number of entries per club. It would have been better to draw from only the city and its immediate suburbs and to contact all individual AMA members in the area rather than just the clubs. Another lesson: adequate insurance must be provided by the store—some excellent models were not entered because the builders were not willing to risk damage by the public. No damage occurred, but a minimum of \$1,000 insurance per entry would relieve anxieties and attract more top class models. Along the same line, good security is needed in such a project—regular policing of the display area should be provided to protect the models.

Is the program still a good idea? Yes, definitely! Designed as a pilot program to be offered to clubs all over the U.S., lessons were learned to make the program better in all respects. Originally only an idea, the idea has now become a tangible event that any club or group of clubs can put in motion by using the guidelines established in this test run. These guidelines will be available to any interested

group by the time this appears, and for any club wishing to help themselves by way of public promotion, this method offers one of the better means of accomplishing it. This type of static display allows the public to get close, ask questions, and to become involved emotionally in something they would otherwise never see...unless their travels happened to take them by a flying field...a rarity in most cases.

A key PR aspect of such a display project is that, when done with a large department store or shopping center, good publicity can be expected. Newspaper, TV and radio ads resulted from the Wanamaker program. Such stores also have publicity and display departments for dressing up and promoting the display—many signs, banners, photos and other eye-catching aids are available, including big outdoor signs in most places.

As a result of the Wanamaker project, AMA recommends suburban shopping centers as the best source of display sponsorship. Such centers usually have excellent (and free) parking—a vital ingredient for good public attendance—which simplifies delivery and pickup of models. Also, instead of depending upon a single store sponsor, the entire center can participate, with publicity signs in all stores.

Aroused your interest? Like to try it in your area? If so, drop a line to: Academy of Model Aeronautics, Wanamaker Contest, 806 Fifteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Contest Calendar

Official Sanctioned Contests of the Academy of Model Aeronautics

DEC. 3—TUCSON, ARIZ. (A) Winter Snow Fest. Site: Rodeo Park T. Snow CD, 237 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, Ariz. 85705. Sponsor: Cholla Choppers Model Airplane Club.

DEC. 3—VAN NUYS, CALIF. N.A.R. Flightmasters 4th Annual "Jumbo Rubber Scale" Meet. Site: Van Nuys Basin, C. Hatrak CD, 3825 W. 144th St., Hawthorne, Calif. 90250. Sponsor: N.A.R. Flightmasters.

DEC. 10—MIAMI, FLA. (AA) Dade Parks & Recreation Dept. Indoor (Cat. I) Contest. Site: Youth Fair Exhibit Hall, R. Myers CD, 3935 SW 125th Ave., Miami, Fla. 33165. Sponsor: M.J.A.M.A. Club.

DEC. 10—ELSINORE, CALIF. (A) Thermal Thunders Wakefield FF Annual Meet. Site: Lake Elsinore, M. Keville CD, 5407 Pimenta Ave., Lakewood, Calif. 90713. Sponsor: Thermal Thunders.

DEC. 29-31—JACKSONVILLE, FLA. (AA) 19th King Orange FF (Cat. II) & CL Internationals. Site: Imeson Airport, J. Wagner CD, 283 E. 8th St., Hialeah, Fla. 33010. Sponsor: Jacksonville Free Flight Team.

DEC. 31—FRESNO, CALIF. (A) Fresno Monthly FF (Cat. I) Meet. Site: Near Kerman, F. Ginder, Jr. CD, 5740 E. Ashlan Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93727. Sponsor: Fresno Gas Model Club.

DEC. 29-31-JAN. 1—WINTER PARK, FLA. (AA) Tangerine International RC Championships. Site: R.C.A.C.F. Field, W. Schoonard CD, 2080 Sharon Dr., Winter Park, Fla. 32789. Sponsor: Remote Control Assn. of Central Fla.

APRIL 28-29—FT. WORTH, TEX. (AA) 3rd Annual "Lone Star RC Aerobatic Convention". Site: Benbrook Lake, L. Stanfield CD, 1813 Montclair, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76103.

JUNE 2-3—BATON ROUGE, LA. (AA) "Cajun Classic" Baton Rouge 12th Annual RC Meet. Site: Kleinpeter Field, H. Roberts CD, 9243 Hampton Way, Baton Rouge, La. 70814.



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TO JOIN AMA USE THE FORM BELOW: AMA membership ends each year on December 31, regardless of the date a membership application is received. Late-year membership policy is as follows: those who apply between August 1 and September 30 pay full one year rate, but will receive half-year credit toward the next year's membership—they must, however, use this credit by July 1 of the next year; those who apply between October 1 and December 31 pay full one year rate and receive full membership for the following year, plus whatever days of membership remain in year of application.

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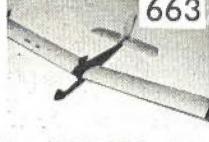
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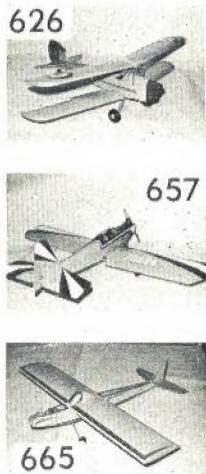
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